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Lawsuit seeks to suspend CW rule

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Seven persons sued in federal court yesterday to stop federal officials from implementing the CNMI-only Transitional Worker final rule, describing it as "unlawful."

The plaintiffs—Bonifacio V. Sagana, Manuel T. Vilaga, Gerardo G. De Guzman, Hector T. Sevilla, Carlito J. Marquez, Eduardo M. Elenzano, and Jong Ho Lee—filed the lawsuit *pro se* or without a lawyer. They asked the court to certify their lawsuit as a class action.

Named defendants in the lawsuit are Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services District Director David Gulick, U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis, and U.S. Department of Labor District Director Terrence Trotter.

The plaintiffs want the U.S. District Court for the NMI to declare the implementation of the CW Final Rule as unlawful and exceed the defendants' consti-

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Fitial offers to lease some islands to China

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Fitial

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial told an economic forum of nearly 400 in Beijing that he is willing to lease some of the CNMI's islands but only if it's not for military purposes, so that the Commonwealth can provide job opportunities and improve its economy.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for confirmation yesterday, said that Fitial was making reference to the availability of mass public lands in the undeveloped and uninhabited Northern Islands.

The Northern Islands include Farallon de Medinilla, Anatahan, Sarigan, Guiguan, Alamagan, Pagan, Agrihan, Asuncion, Maug, and Farallon de Pajaros or Uracas.

Demapan confirmed that the governor made the remarks during the U.S.-China Governors Dialogue that included government and business representatives to discuss potential invest-

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BANZAI!

Students of Ueda Nishi High School strike a pose during their dance performance at their welcome ceremony hosted by Marianas High School yesterday morning. Over 200 students, along with 19 teachers and four tour coordinators, arrived on island Monday afternoon for a cultural exchange program and to hold a peace ceremony for the war dead. The group flew back to Japan yesterday afternoon.

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Inos

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The Department of Public Health, which is not included in this fiscal year's budget, will remain an independent entity from the newly established Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, according to acting governor Eloy S. Inos yesterday.

He said that Joseph Kevin Villagomez will keep his post as DPH secretary and will now be directly under the Executive Branch.

The healthcare corporation will be headed by a chief executive officer who will be selected by its board of directors. The board in turn will run the corporation as a private business entity.

Inos explained that DPH was not allocated an operational budget this year since it will be left with only those programs dealing with preventive care. Most of these programs will be funded by federal

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Hopwood Junior High School's outstanding employees of the year gather for a group photo yesterday. From left are Maintenance of the Year awardee Purisimo Raganot, Vice Principal of the Year John Pialur, Counselor of the Year Josiah Kyonka, Teacher of the Year Carmelita Ada, Support Staff of the Year Ruby Hocog, Teacher Aide of the Year Nelia Crisostomo, and Hopwood principal Jonas Barcinas.

Ada is Hopwood's outstanding teacher for the school year

» Five others honored as education awardees for SY 2011-2012

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Carmelita P. Ada was hailed as Hopwood Junior High School's Teacher of the Year for her exemplary performance and dedication to her craft.

Ada expressed surprise and elation as this was her first time to be selected for the honor. Ada joined the Public School System family in 2000 and has been teaching at Hopwood for 11 years already. She handles 7th and 8th graders.

Prior to becoming a teacher, this mother of four worked as a garment worker, an insurance agent, and a bank teller until her family inspired her to become a teacher.

Ada describes teaching as more challenging but at the same time the most fulfilling among her previous professions.

"Teaching for me is…the most fulfilling, not in terms of financ[es], but more on the gratitude that the children give. Sometimes you don't get appreciated by others but when it comes from children, it feels like heaven," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "I believe in the saying that the greatness of a teacher is best shown by the students."

John Pialur, a PSS employee for 23 years now, was hailed as Hopwood's Vice Principal of the Year—the latest of the string of awards he has garnered in all his years at Hopwood.

Pialur first served Tanapag Elementary School in 1990 and later joined Hopwood, first as a teacher aide and then as a P.E. instructor. He rose through the ranks and became the school's vice principal in 2006. Pialur is a recipient of three Teacher Aide of the Year awards from Hopwood.

He thanked his colleagues yesterday for their vote of confidence, saying the honor would not have been possible without the effective collaboration, communication, and teamwork shown by everybody in Hopwood.

Hopwood, meanwhile, named Nelia Crisostomo as its Teacher Aide of the Year. She has been with the school for only two years, yet despite her relatively short tenure, she was chosen by her peers as this year's awardee after demonstrating commitment and dedication to her job.

"This is truly unexpected and I am very happy and grateful that I was recognized for this honor," she said.

Crisostomo is assigned to the special education program. She said she was motivated to serve this program as she has personal experience with the subject. She said she suffered from Rett syndrome when she was a child.

Hopwood bestowed its Support Staff of the Year award to Ruby DLC. Hocog, who has been with PSS for 11 years now. This is her fifth time to get this award and even won the overall PSS support staff award in 2009. She has also worked as administrative officer at Sinapalo Elementary School and Dandan Elementary School.

Despite performing multiple tasks each day—from time keeping and filing documents, to doing school errands, and assisting the administrators and teachers—Hocog said that there is no single minute that she feels bored with her job.

"I enjoy every single thing of my work and I help everyone beyond the call of duty," she said.

Hopwood's Counselor of the Year is Josiah Kyonka, who was first selected for the honor in 2010. He shared this recent recognition with his fellow counseling staff.

"I appreciate it. This is something I feel like I never earn alone. We're working together for all our students," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Kyonka came to the islands in 2009 with his wife, who is also a counselor at Kagman High School.

Also honored yesterday was 73-year-old Purisimo Raganot, the school's Maintenance of the Year awardee. Raganot has been with PSS for 19 years now, starting in 1992 as a maintenance worker at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School. He joined Hopwood in 2005. This is his fourth time to be selected for the honor.

"I am happy and grateful to PSS for making me part of its family," he said yesterday.

Hopwood principal Jonas Barcinas lauded the achievements and contributions of all five outstanding employees. "They demonstrated excellence in performance and I commend them for their hard work and dedication to student learning…to students first," said Barcinas.

'Focus must be on whether Buckingham should be prosecuted'

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The Senate Committee on Executive Appointment and Government Investigations chair said yesterday that with the Office of the Public Auditor's investigation report on Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham now widely distributed in the CNMI, the focus now must be on whether to pursue criminal prosecution of the violations found.

At the same time, Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) referred the OPA investigation report and letter to the EAGI Committee chaired by Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) "for review."

Manglona gave Cruz's committee 30 days to report on its findings and recommendations, if any, to the full Senate.

"This is a very important issue and I ask your committee to give its full attention to this issue," Manglona told Cruz in a letter yesterday.

OPA's December 2010 report, which Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has not released, concludes that Buckingham's hosting of a campaign party for the governor's delegate candidate on Aug. 28, 2010 "violated criminal prohibitions" of both the Commonwealth Ethics Code Act and the Commonwealth Election Act.

Public Auditor Michael Pai, in his letter accompanying the report, states that OPA has determined that the cost of prosecution to the CNMI taxpayers would outweigh any potential benefit in terms of enforcing the Commonwealth laws and restoring the public's trust in its government, so OPA deferred to and relied on Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos to impose "administrative sanctions."

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), during yesterday's session, asked why the Legislature was not provided a copy of the investigation report on the AG. Other senators echoed his concern.

Cruz, when asked for comment, said the EAGI Committee will soon convene to start a review of the "OPA report and recommendation of ethics investigation of Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham."

He said because OPA already concluded and reported its investigation, the focus now must be on whether to pursue criminal prosecution of the violations found.

Cruz said it is "not fair" that Buckingham was recommended by OPA to only get a "slap on the wrist" while others found in criminal violations get fined, jailed, or both.

The senator was referring to OPA's recommendations for "administrative action" that include requiring the AG to apologize publicly "for causing any loss of public confidence in the 2010 election."

"I am very concerned because OPA's recommendation is very lenient. It's a slap on the wrist. While ordinary people get penalized, fined, or sent to prison if they're found violating criminal prohibitions, the CNMI's highest law enforcement official is not. He's only recommended to apologize publicly. That's one of the recommendations by the public auditor," Cruz said.

Cruz made it clear that because the EAGI Committee has yet to meet, there is no decision yet on what to focus on or what the recommended course of action would be.

The Senate EAGI Committee also made an earlier request to the CNMI Bar Association to investigate Buckingham for alleged ethical violations, mainly in relation to a separate matter when he approved a sole-source ARRA management contract worth almost $400,000.

The CNMI Bar Association is now investigating the Senate complaint.

The probe request to the Bar Association and the resolution that the Senate adopted also mentioned Buckingham's involvement in the campaign gathering for then delegate candidate Joseph N. Camacho.

Cruz said the newly leaked OPA investigation report may also be referred to the CNMI Bar Association.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), one of those who filed a complaint with OPA and the Commonwealth Election Commission on Buckingham's activities related to the Camacho campaign, earlier said the "attorney general broke the law."

"If the attorney general had any respect for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, he would at least offer a public apology. And if he had any sense of honor, he would apologize to the public employees who were pressured into breaking Commonwealth election and/or ethics laws by their higher ups," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan later told KSPN 2 that no one, including Buckingham, should be above the law.

No Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Humanities Awards

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There will be no recipient of the Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities Award at this year's Governor's Humanities Awards, according to Northern Marianas Humanities Council executive director Scott Russell.

"We don't have one this year for the most prestigious of our awards," Russell told *Saipan Tribune*.

The 2011 Governor's Humanities Awards is a by-invitation-only event scheduled next Friday, Oct. 28, 6:30pm at the Azucena I & II of Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan.

"This is a time each year when the council joins with the governor to recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contribution to the humanities," said Russell.

According to him, the council did not receive any nominations for the Lifetime Achievement award this year. "It's happened once or twice before," he added.

The award, which may be given posthumously, is conferred to a nominee who has made significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades.

Russell noted, however, that they will be giving out four awards: Outstanding Humanities Teacher, Preservation of CNMI History, Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices, and Research and Publication in the Humanities.

He said the final nominees for the four awards werre approved by the board during its special meeting on Tuesday.

"In addition to the awardees, we will also recognize a number of our financial donors and partners," said Russell. "We're also recognizing five board members who recently finished or left the board this year."

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Saipan Southern High School's Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets have their picture taken after a successful cleanup of the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Chalan Kanoa on Saturday.
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JROTC cadets help diocese prepare for All Souls Day

The Saipan Southern High School's Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets helped the Mt. Carmel Diocese on Saturday morning, Oct. 15, 2011, prepare for the upcoming of All Souls Day this November.

The cadets collected several weathered wreaths, damaged candles, old flowers, trash, and debris covering several graves at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Chalan Kanoa.

The SSHS JROTC group consisted of over 59 cadets and volunteers. They will have another cleanup this Saturday, focusing on the other part of the cemetery. The group encourages the community to volunteer for the next cleanup to make the cemetery a suitable place for visiting loved ones this November. ***(PR)***

ERRATUM

In the story titled "Hawaii-based energy efficiency firm to open office on Saipan" that was published in the *Saipan Tribune* on Oct. 19, 2011, it states that USES technology has now been installed at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Joeten Superstore, and Aquarius Beach Tower. GREEN Solutions general manager Rick Sparacio said this is inaccurate and that they are only working with these facilities to schedule their USES installations. Our apologies.

LAWSUIT

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tutional and statutory authority.

Vilaga is a U.S. citizen, while Lee is a U.S. permanent resident. The other plaintiffs are long-term nonresident workers who mostly have U.S. citizen children.

Sagana is president of the Dekada Movement. He has worked in the CNMI for 22 years and has U.S. citizen children. He claimed he has uncollected money judgments from the CNMI Department of Labor.

Vilaga has a small-scale contracting business on Saipan. He claims that his business has been affected by the short period allowed within the CW final rule to convert his employees to CW status. The final rule has set a deadline of Nov. 27, 2011, for employers to file change-of-status petitions for their employees.

Lee is the current president of the Korean Community on Saipan. He is engaged in a small-scale business.

De Guzman has lived and worked in the CNMI for 22 years as accountant. He has U.S. citizen children.

Sevilla, an architect, has worked in the CNMI for 22 years and has U.S. citizen children.

Marquez is a mechanical engineering technologist currently working as health safety and environmental officer in one of the power plants on Saipan. He has been working in the CNMI for 14 years.

Elenzano is an award-winning artist who has worked in the CNMI for 23 years. He also has U.S. citizen children.

According to the lawsuit, from Nov. 28, 2009, until the release of the CW final rule on Sept. 7, 2011, employers, employees, and the foreign worker population in the CNMI were in limbo as to what to do. The plaintiffs alleged that the Federal Labor Ombudsman made the declaration that those with pending cases have valid immigration status even after Nov. 27, 2009.

"This declaration was relied upon by many foreign workers in the CNMI," the plaintiffs said.

They said a number of workers were unpaid, short-changed, working hours were cut off, contracts not renewed, and some workers worked without pay for fear of not being renewed and for fear of not getting immigration status.

When DHS finally released the CW final rule on Sept. 7, 2011, DHS and USCIS, led by Gulick, conducted a series of information and workshops or presentations to educate employers and employees about the new rule governing the hiring of foreign workers in the CNMI.

The information presented by the USCIS team, the plaintiffs said, failed to address many labor and immigration issues, which has hounded the CNMI before the release of the CW final rule.

The plaintiffs said the implementation of the CW final rule unduly prejudices foreign workers and business owners due to the short period by which it was released and implemented.

Given the economic conditions in the CNMI, they said the CW final rule fails to take into consideration the congressional intent in implementing Public Law 110-229, among which is "to minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, potential adverse economic and fiscal effects of phasing-out the Commonwealth's nonresident contract worker program and to maximize the Commonwealth's potential for future economic and business growth."

Implementation of the CW final rule, they said, also runs counter to the mandate of Congress that there should be an "orderly phasing-out of the nonresident contract worker program of the Commonwealth."

"The transition is such a mess that nonresident workers and employers alike do not know where to go and what to do when grievances arise," the plaintiffs said.

An injunction to suspend the implementation of the CW final rule serves the public interests of the large number of people who will be negatively affected by its implementation, they said.

The plaintiffs asserted that the implementation of the CW final rule in such a short period of time is "an affront to the human dignity of nonresident workers who have relied on the U.S. government as a bulwark for the protection of human rights."

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agencies, he added.

The budget law for fiscal year 2012 allocates $5 million to the healthcare corporation as seed money for its operation. The corporation will assume the functions and duties of the Commonwealth Health Center, Rota and Tinian health centers, Women's Clinic, Children's Clinic, Community Guidance Center, inter-island medical referral services, and other clinics, and all other operations and function of DPH as may be transferred to the corporation by the health secretary.

Inos said the state-sponsored Medicaid program and medical referrals outside the CNMI will now be administered by DPH, along with other preventive care programs. The government has a 50-50 percent stake in the Medicaid program.

"DPH will function entirely separate from the new healthcare corporation and will remain part of the Executive Branch. These two organizations are separate and distinct [from one another]," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Inos said this "separation" is clearly indicated in the law that created the corporation, Public Law 16-51, which was authored by Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Education.

Torres was off-island yesterday and was not immediately available for comments. Committee vice chair Sen. Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) declined to comment on the issue.

Inos said the Fitial administration is still "reconciling its records" to come up with the funds it may need to pay for DPH's other expenses.

"We're trying to reconcile that right now…but DPH will handle mostly federally funded programs," he said, adding that about 90 percent of DPH's preventive type activities get federal support.

Inos assured, though, that the $5-million budget for the corporation will not be touched to augment DPH operations.

Villagomez, at the opening of the new hemodialysis center last week, confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that he will keep his position as health secretary and will not be subject to any policy of the corporation and its board. He refused to disclose other details until after he meets with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who is in China for an official trip.

In an earlier interview, Villagomez said that about 600 CHC personnel and the Rota and Tinian clinics will be transferred to the corporation.

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ment and job creation opportunities.

"In this regard, Governor Fitial took the opportunity to market the NMI's greatest resource—availability of land—for large-scale investments like agriculture, retirement communities, timeshare homes, and electronics manufacturing to both large business entities and/or public-private partnerships or co-ops. Of course, in regards to private lands, that's up to the respective landowners," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune.*

Demapan accompanied the governor to Beijing.

"This early, no commitments have been made, but several provincial leaders and business representatives have expressed interest to conduct trade missions to the CNMI to explore the possibility of investing in the Commonwealth and, in turn, assist the Fitial administration realize its goal to restore the 80-hour workweek, reduce the costs of energy, and provide more employment opportunities to U.S. citizens," Demapan added.

Foreign media, including *Business Week*, also reported on Fitial's offer to lease islands to China.

"If you are interested, I am offering these islands to China. …Lease these islands so that I can have enough financial resources to provide for more full employment for my people," *Business Week* quoted the governor as saying when he addressed a group of "Chinese governors and provincial Community Party Secretaries" at a Beijing conference.

It also quoted the governor as saying that he has the right to lease the islands to "anybody."

"We control the islands, the islands belong to us. We have to make sure in the lease agreement that we won't allow anything that will be military because we are under the U.S. government," *Business Week* quoted the governor as saying.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta, in a separate interview yesterday, said the CNMI can lease islands to interested investors.

However, he said if the public land to be leased is more than 5 hectares, the approval of the CNMI House and Senate is needed.

"If it's for investment opportunities and economic development, the CNMI can lease islands. I am sure the governor was referring to Northern Islands. But here on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, investors can lease public and private lands as they do now," said Babauta, a former House speaker.

Fitial and Demapan left Saipan Monday for Beijing, and they're expected to be back if not today then during the weekend.

Fitial joined five other U.S. state and territorial governors for the second U.S.-China governors' forum on economic development and job creation in Beijing from Tuesday to Thursday.

This forum is a follow-up to the one held in Utah in July during the U.S. National Governors Association meeting.

Fitial hopes that China will invest in the CNMI in areas of tourism and farming. He also said Chinese governors he met in July promised to visit the CNMI, and he also promised that he will visit China.

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano continues to exercise her parole authority to allow Chinese and Russian tourists to enter the CNMI. Chinese and Russian tourists are emerging tourism markets for the Commonwealth.

AG lawsuit vs Pai re-assigned to Govendo; Wiseman recuses self

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Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo has been assigned to handle the lawsuit filed by Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham against Public Auditor Michael Pai.

Saipan Tribune learned that presiding judge Robert C. Naraja first assigned the case to associate judge David A. Wiseman but Wiseman recused himself from handling the matter, saying that Pai is a long-time acquaintance.

Wiseman said that he and Buckingham are also in a committee composed of only four members. Wiseman did not indicate which committee but *Saipan Tribune* learned from a source that it involves traffic cases.

Buckingham is suing Pai over the Office of the Public Auditor's decision to hire two lawyers, describing it as "an imminent waste of public funds."

A check with court records showed that the case's last movement was in August, when Pai, through counsel Sean E. Frink, filed a motion to dismiss the case. Buckingham and co-plaintiff Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, through assistant attorney general W. Allen Hazlip, opposed the motion.

As of yesterday, there was no court order for a hearing on the motion.

Buckingham and Larson allege that Pai's actions in hiring lawyer Brian McMahon and Joseph Przyuski "threaten an imminent waste of public funds." They want the court to rule that OPA's contracts with McMahon and Przyuski are invalid and unenforceable.

Hazlip said that OPA's attempts to renew McMahon's contract failed to comply with the requirements of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

The government lawyer also described Przyuski's contract as "facially invalid" and was not executed or processed in compliance with the standards of the CNMI Excepted Service Personnel Regulations.

In Pai's motion to dismiss, Frink asked the court to require Buckingham and Larson to follow the law and submit this case to the CNMI Supreme Court by way of a certified legal question.

"The Legislature and the CNMI people [have] made clear what they expect from their high level public servants when they disagree with each other about duties and obligations of their jobs: good faith negotiation and stipulation to the issues disagreed upon, and then the submittal of certified legal question to the CNMI Supreme Court," Frink said.

This is a process that Buckingham and Larson have declined to follow until now, he added.

Frink said the court should dismiss the lawsuit in its entirety as it lacks subject matter jurisdiction.

If dismissal without prejudice is neither required by law nor in the best interests of justice, Pai asks the court to order a stay on this matter, with a direction to parties to submit a certified legal question to the Supreme Court, Frink said.

He questioned Buckingham and Larson's move to ignore the constitutional provision that requires submitting a certified question to the Supreme Court and opting to embark on a "much more expensive and time-consuming process of first filing a lawsuit based upon an ancient and rarely used statutory supervision."

In plaintiffs' opposition, Hazlip said the motion to dismiss is legally unfounded and must be denied.

Hazlip said that Pai's argument that the Superior Court lacks jurisdiction over the plaintiffs' claims "mischaracterizes the action alleged in plaintiffs' complaint" and rests on a misinterpretation of the CNMI Constitution.

"This is an action by the Commonwealth to invalidate two public contracts unlawfully executed by OPA and thereby put an end to OPA's ongoing and prospective expenditures of public funds on these unlawful contracts," Hazlip said.

OAG files case vs Pai's wife for alleged theft of utilities

The Office of the Attorney General filed Wednesday a criminal case against the wife of Public Auditor Michael Pai for allegedly stealing utility services amounting to over $51,000.

The OAG charged Joanna C. Pai with one count of theft of utility services.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from Pai yesterday, but she is reportedly currently in Hawaii with her husband.

The charging information states that the alleged theft of utility services occurred on Aug. 30, 2011 on Saipan.

The information showed Chief Prosecutor Michael L. Ernest's name as the one who filed the one-page document but the signature on top of Ernest's name was that of assistant attorney general Shelli Neal.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain more details about the case but Ernest and Neal have yet to respond as of press time yesterday.

Saipan Tribune learned from a source that the alleged theft involved Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power services.

The Superior Court's deputy clerk signed the penal summons on Wednesday that directed Mrs. Pai to appear before the Superior Court on Nov. 14, 2011, at 9am to respond to the suit. "If you do not appear, an application may be made for the issuance of a warrant for your arrest," the penal summons states.

The filing of the case comes on the heels of the unauthorized release of a December 2010 Office of the Public Auditor investigation report, which states that Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham "violated criminal prohibitions" of both the Commonwealth Ethics Code Act and the Commonwealth Election Act when he hosted a campaign party for then delegate candidate Joseph N. Camacho at Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's house in Gualo Rai on Aug. 28, 2010. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Protecting Your Eyes From the Sun
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CUC: Reinvestments, best practices key to SO compliance

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. admitted yesterday that full compliance with all the requirements of the court's stipulated orders is still far from happening due to the lack, or absence, of reinvestments in public utilities—power, water, and wastewater systems.

CUC deputy executive director Alan Fletcher pointed out that for stipulated order No. 1 alone, which deals with water and wastewater services, there are 68 different issues that need to be rectified but are being hampered by funding constraints.

Fletcher could not say how long it would take for CUC to address these federal concerns or how many have so far been completely rectified.

He disclosed that since the issuance of the stipulated orders in 2009, CUC has received almost $43 million in federal funds for both power and water projects. About $23 million of that amount has been spent on water and wastewater projects, he added.

The funds were provided by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of Insular Affairs.

If not for these federal monies, Fletcher said that CUC rates would be triple to what it is charging today.

"It takes reinvestment in our system. Unfortunately, we have to charge for this. We have to recover our operational costs to supply clean and safe drinking water, to treat our sewer system. The whole idea is to have CUC [become] a sustainable ongoing utility that needs compliance, not only for today but in the years ahead," said Fletcher.

Besides reinvestment in public utilities, he said that CUC also has to ensure that it will execute the best identified practices, along with maintenance, to make sure that systems are running properly.

To address the requirements under stipulated order No. 2, which deals with the power system, Fletcher said that CUC is eyeing a $10-million loan from a bank to correct all concerns with the power system.

Fletcher said the $10-million loan will be used to buy machinery and equipment, such as new oil-water separators, oil containment, storage tank repairs and replacements, used oil programs, power transmission and distribution improvements, and overhauls to the power generation system (engine overhauls, controls, firefighting equipment, and program maintenance).

All of these projects, he said, are critical for CUC to meet its obligations under the stipulated order.

A bill is now pending at the Legislature, House Bill 17-205, that would allow CUC to borrow in excess of $500,000. Generally, the bill supports the proposed $10-million, USDA-backed loan for CUC to perform required projects.

Fletcher said this is important because the bank needs to have proof that the loan is authorized per statute. He said the loan payments have already been incorporated into the electric base-rate increase earlier this year. Therefore, ratepayers will not have to pay any more money for the debt service on this loan.

"If CUC cannot get funding to complete [these] EPA-required projects, then the ratepayers will have to pay for these projects, otherwise CUC will be subject to fines from EPA, as well as further action by the federal court," he added.

Norwegian tourist falls prey to burglar at Ladder Beach

A car rented by a Norwegian tourist was burglarized at Ladder Beach Wednesday morning.

Police officer Jason Tarkong confirmed the incident yesterday, but did not provide more information.

Saipan Tribune learned that the tourist had left his rented car to descend to Ladder Beach to do some sightseeing and take pictures.

When the tourist returned to the car, he noticed it had been broken into and some of his valuables had been stolen.

The Department of Public Safety is expected to release more details about the incident today, Friday.

On Tuesday, an unidentified man robbed an elderly Japanese couple who were playing golf at Mariana Country Club in Marpi.

The suspect, described as a local male and about 5'7" tall, ran off with the victims' purse containing room keys, two pairs of sunglasses, and $300 worth of traveler's checks.

Last Oct. 10, an unidentified man also robbed a 51-year-old local female who was with her daughter playing golf at Coral Ocean Point.

The suspect ran off with the victim's purses that contained $700 cash that were left on the golf cart. The suspect and a companion fled the parking area aboard two three-wheeled motor scooters.

Last Oct. 11, an unidentified man armed with a screwdriver robbed a Russian female tourist and drove off with her rented car at Suicide Cliff in Marpi.

The tourist lost her bag containing over $100 cash, a digital camera worth $1,200, hotel keys, some documents, and other items.

The victim sustained bruises on her elbows after she fell to the ground during the struggle. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

House passes $15 tourism fee, Senate OKs expungement bill

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A bill that seeks to charge passengers from non-U.S. destinations a new $15 travel promotion fee and a measure providing for a tax rate for foreign corporations earning income from outside of the CNMI are now headed for the governor after the House passed them yesterday afternoon.

The Senate, which also held a session yesterday, passed a handful of bills that include a House bill seeking to expunge criminal records after at least five years for felony convictions and after three years for misdemeanor.

House Bill 17-52, House Draft 2, Senate Substitute 1, Senate Draft 2, passed the House last year. Because of a Senate amendment yesterday, the bill goes back to the House.

At yesterday's session, the House passed the Senate-amended HB 17-179, House Substitute 1, which is an amendment to a tourism incentive law. The amendment bill contains the new $15 fee to be collected by airlines, besides expanding the target market for the tour agent incentive program.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), author of the bill, said he's thankful for the House and Senate members for passing the bill, and is now awaiting the governor's "swift action."

"I understand that the tour agents are eagerly waiting the implementation of the program. The quicker the program is implemented, the sooner we can realize the benefits," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

The House also adopted a conference committee report recommending passage of a bill providing for a tax rate for foreign corporations earning income from outside of the CNMI.

HB 17-162, authored by Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) and four other lawmakers, now heads to the governor for action. The Senate adopted the committee report and passed the bill earlier.

Among other things, a foreign operations corporation has 100 percent rebate offset of Northern Marianas territorial income tax, and is exempt from business gross revenue tax, income tax, and license fee except the annual $1,500 FOC license fee.

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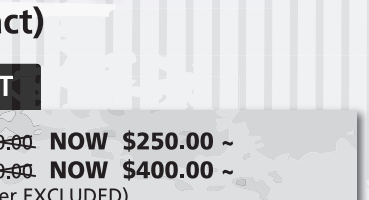
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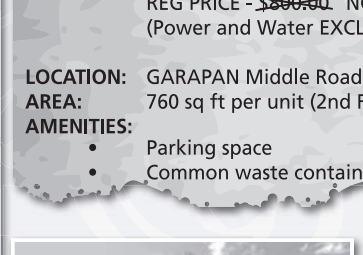
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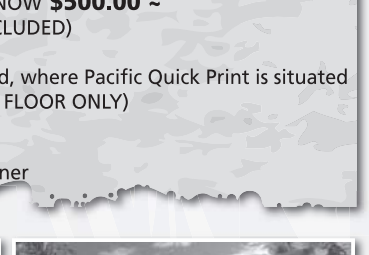
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CPA firefighter gets 58-day sentence for assault

Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos on Wednesday slapped a 58-day prison term against a Commonwealth Ports Authority firefighter who assaulted his former girlfriend in the parking lot of Aquarius Beach Tower in Chalan Kanoa.

Inos sentenced Giovanni Camacho Sablan to a total of one year and six months, all suspended except for 58 days, for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace, with credit for the 58 days he had already served in jail. This means Sablan is now a free man.

Sablan is also a mixed martial arts fighter known as "The Fighter" and "Palaksi or "Palaxi." When the incident happened he was a firefighter at CPA's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit.

The 23-year-old Sablan was placed on supervised probation for two years and was required to undergo anger management counseling at the Community Guidance Center.

He was also directed to pay a $200 fine, $200 probation fee, and $25 court assessment fee and to perform 150 hours of community service.

Sablan is prohibited from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance during the probationary period.

During the preliminary hearing in September, Inos dismissed the attempted kidnapping charge against Sablan for insufficient evidence but found probable cause to charge him with two counts of assault and battery and two counts of disturbing the peace.

Police said the victim suffered bruises on the left and right shoulders, and abrasions on the left forearm.

Police investigation showed that the victim was driving home in the early morning hours of Aug. 20 when Sablan, driving a pickup truck, pulled alongside her and forced her to park at the Aquarius Beach Tower. When she got off, he chased her and grabbed her from behind. Sablan threw the victim twice onto her car, but she managed to run away. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Childcare teachers, staff learn constructive storytelling

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Eleven childcare center teachers and staff show off their certificates after finishing a Teacheread Storysharing training at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library on Oct. 15, 2011.

Eleven childcare center teachers and staff recently finished a Teacheread Storysharing training at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

The 12-hour Teacheread training is a locally developed program modeled on the Motheread storysharing curriculum. The program is designed to give teachers and child caregivers the skills necessary to build children's reading and critical thinking skills. The Teacheread course allows participants to use stories as a way to teach literacy skills and life lessons through books.

In the training, the center-based teachers and staff talked about the importance of reading as adults and as childcare providers. They explored a researched-based study affirming that read-aloud activities lead to reading success. The participants discussed ways on how to make storytelling more interesting and livelier for students. These discussions opened the chance to exchange ideas on how to address challenging issues that they encounter in a classroom or field setting when doing a read-aloud session.

Participants also learned about the Teacheread storysharing framework, and how to make a storysharing plan that will serve as a guide for their read-aloud activities. They were also given the opportunity to practice what they learned by providing read-aloud presentations to children that regularly visit the library's storytelling corner every Saturday.

Participants used a selection of highly acclaimed multi-cultural children's literature in their read-aloud presentations, using the five components of the Teacheread storysharing framework, effective delivery of the story, theme, and the lesson they want to impart to the audience.

Teacheread participants also incorporated their own natural skills in bringing the stories to life. Children and parents present at the library were delighted with the series of read-aloud presentations that included arts and crafts activities.

Participants for this recent training cycle were Sepe Arriola, Kelly Pangelinan, Ramy Salcedo, Rosalinda Limjoco, Albina Paman, Emery Poquiz, Maria Catalan, Rachel Merced, Rosita Macabugao, Tisa Ann Salcedo, and Marivic Israel.

This Teacheread training cycle started Oct. 8, 2011, and was completed on Oct. 15, 2011.

Similar Teacheread training was also held on Sept. 17, and was completed Sept. 24, 2011. Participants for that training cycle were Rency Handayan, Tessie Carbonell, Levi Sobremisana, Lilibeth Villaflores, Hedeliza Posadas, Julie Lacanlale, Joanne Aquino, Tina Alverio, Clarissa Adlawan, Rosalie Habijan, and Criselda Aldan.

The training is made possible through the collaboration between the DCCA-Child Care Development Fund Program and the NMI Council for the Humanities. Another Teacheread training is scheduled for Nov. 5 and 12. For more information on Motheread/Fatheread Family Literacy Program schedules and activities, call (670) 235-7319; 287-9416 (cell), text 789-6601, or email at cnmimotheread@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Construction company sues to get paid for renovation

A construction company filed a lawsuit in federal court Wednesday against a Guam corporation that allegedly failed to pay over $150,000 for renovation work done on the Hermes and Prada boutiques at DFS Saipan.

GPPC Inc. is suing Vector Works Corp., also known as Vector Works Design & Builders Inc., and its owner and president, Kazuhiko Ishizeki.

GPPC, through counsel Mark H. Hanson, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to hold the defendants liable for all amounts owed and to pay for the court costs, attorney's fees, and accrued interest.

Hanson stated in the complaint that Victor Works subcontracted with GPPC in September 2007 to renovate the Hermes and Prada stores.

Hanson said on Oct. 21, 2008, Ishizeki, on behalf of himself and Vector Works, delivered to GPPC a promissory note dated Oct. 7, 2008 in the amount of $170,000 payable to GPPC.

The lawyer said from December 2009 through August 2011, defendants made payments on the promissory note at various times totaling $56,848.87.

Hanson said there remains an unpaid principal balance in excess of $150,000, not including interest, costs, and attorney's fees.

"Despite repeated demands by plaintiff, defendants have failed and refused to make full payment of the promissory note and all interest, costs and attorneys fees that have accrued thereon," Hanson said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 21, 1999

FTZs should hire more locals

Businesses that will be established in the planned Free Trade Zone on Saipan must make an assurance that they will tap the local work force to solve the unemployment problem in the CNMI. While the bill creating FTZ has yet to be passed, Felix Nogis, director of the Job Training and Partnership Act, is worried that the locals will not be hired by future investors in the economic site. Since various government agencies, including the Department of Labor and Immigration, have already failed to monitor whether the private sector complies with the law on the 20 percent local hiring requirement, Nogis said he is not optimistic that businesses in FTZ will follow the law.

Govt addressing prison problems

Admitting deplorable prison conditions on the island, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio assured yesterday the government has moved ahead in trying to build a new jail in efforts to address overcrowding and other problems in the Division of Corrections. He said, however, that he would look into the complaints expressed by three inmates in a letter sent to his office seeking justification to their recent escape that has highlighted again the state of the existing DOC facility. "We did receive that so-called letter from the inmates. Our first reaction is we want to look into that. But for the information of the public, we are addressing those issues now and we are working so hard," Tenorio told reporters in an interview.

Oct. 21, 2002

Reyes: $47M to $189M is still growth

To appreciate the true picture of where the international investments of the NMI Retirement Fund are now, they should be looked at based on how much the Fund started out with and where it is now. This was stressed by Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes, who said that, although there has been a considerable decline in the Fund's investments in the last few months due to the soft economy, it's not time to panic yet. "If you take a look at the entire market of the United States, we are hooked to that program, so definitely, if it goes up, we go up, if it goes down, we go down. But the important thing for people to understand is, when the Retirement Fund put up their $47 million in 1983, how much is it now?" he asked.

NMC payroll system lags behind

While the rest of the CNMI government offices have shifted to latest electronic transactions for its payroll transfer, the Northern Marianas College continues to use the old, manual method of disbursing cash to its employees. NMC finance and administrative director David Atalig, in an interview, admitted that "we're the last agency" to modernize. Atalig said going online and using a direct payroll system is "his main project" right now. Atalig said the NMC is currently holding negotiations with a commercial bank to get hooked to an online clearinghouse. "We're working it out with the bank. We'd be able to go online and tap into this system," he said.

Oct. 21, 2003

DLNR proposes to upgrade tourist sites

Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Thomas Pangelinan has asked Gov. Juan N. Babauta for support to upgrade facilities at popular tourist sites, including The Grotto, Bird Island, Forbidden Island Overlook, the summit at Mt. Tapochou and several beach parks. The development of the Forbidden Island Overlook, according to Pangelinan, includes building an observation tower on the 265-foot (above sea level) cliff line with telescopes to view the entire Kagman forest, Forbidden Island and far out to sea. The Forbidden Island Overlook project also includes development of a small park with pavilions, bathroom facilities, picnic tables and barbeque pits.

PSS gets $140K IT grant

The Public School System has received a grant amounting to over $140,000 to boost its information technology and distance education programs. PSS technology coordinator Mark Savares said the Governor's Office and the PSS were recently notified of the grant approval by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The department, through its Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, which is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, funded 110 applications totaling $14 million. This money is intended primarily to extend public broadcasting and distance learning services to unserved areas of the U.S., including insular areas.

3.6-percent increase in Social Security benefit for 2012

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Seniors and other Social Security recipients will soon see a 3.6-percent increase in their monthly payment the Social Security Administration announced today. The 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, will begin with the January 2012 benefit payment for Social Security recipients. For those receiving Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, the increased payments will begin on Dec. 30, 2011. On average, retired workers in the Northern Marianas who are on Social Security will get an extra $281 in 2012.

"This is good news for our *man'amko* and others who receive help from the Social Security system," said CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan.

"In 2010, Congress provided a cost-of-living payment of $250 for seniors in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. We tried to do the same in 2011, but Republicans voted down the Seniors Protection Act. Now, however, with inflation up the COLA is automatic—and much needed," Sablan said.

About 2,500 retirees, spouses, and disabled workers, as well as widows, widowers, and children of deceased retirees, receive monthly Social Security benefits in the Northern Marianas. In addition, 993 persons, who are blind or disabled, receive Supplemental Security Income benefits each month.

The average annual benefit for these two groups is around $6,500.

"This is not a lot of money," Sablan said. "But it is absolutely necessary for many of our elderly and for people who have limited ability to work because of a disability. They need these payments to provide the basics: food, shelter, and clothing.

The money is also very important to the local economy, Sablan said. "[A total] of $22.6 million in benefits came into the Northern Marianas from Social Security in 2010. And the retirees spend all that money, so there is a powerful multiplier effect."

This is the first COLA increase since 2008. The official rate of inflation has been extremely low since then, so there has been no automatic increase in Social Security benefits.

But in passing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act the Democrat-controlled Congress recognized that the official inflation rate did not truly represent the way prices were going up. So a one-time $250 payment for Social Security recipients was included in the Act, one of Sablan's first votes in Congress.

Sablan

Last year, Democrats tried to get another $250 payment enacted in the Seniors Protection Act, but Republicans blocked the bill. Sablan was an original co-sponsor of the measure.

"Seeing gas prices shoot through the roof and other basic goods getting more and more expensive, it's hard to believe that seniors don't need a cost-of-living increase," Sablan said. "Plus, seniors have extra expenses for medicine and other health care needs; and those costs are not fully accounted in the overall inflation numbers. I wanted to see an increase for 2011, but at least our seniors and those who need help will get a little more in 2012."

More than 60 million Americans receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits. Workers who pay into the Social Security system for 40 quarters become eligible for a benefit when they reach retirement age.

The Covenant between the United States and the Northern Marianas provided that the Supplemental Security Income benefits would be available. ***(PR)***

Tinian beach red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the Leprosarium Beach-1 on Tinian and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this site for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified. DEQ said that samples collected from this location had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 10 locations on Tinian this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Fee limit waived for defense in immigration fraud case

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has granted a court-appointed counsel's request to waive the maximum allowable attorney's fees in representing a defendant in an immigration fraud case.

In an order issued Tuesday, Manglona found that attorney Mark A. Scoggins's defense for Dongjun Li has required extended and complex representation due to the recent federalization of immigration in the CNMI.

Manglona said that exceeding the cap for representation is necessary to provide fair compensation to the defense lawyer.

In his declaration, Scoggins said the recent federalization of immigration in the CNMI has created "rather unique circumstances," finding it necessary to engage in "some motion practice in [Li's] defense." Also, Scoggins said that Li requires a Chinese interpreter in order to communicate with his counsel and understand the proceedings.

"Because of circumstances beyond Mr. Li's control, more than two months after the case against him began, it became necessary for Mr. Li to obtain a substitute interpreter. This situation has increased the amount of time required to represent Mr. Li as this case moves toward trial," he said.

The trial will begin on Oct. 25, 2011.

As of Sept. 30, 2010, Scoggins said he has already incurred fees in the amount of $8,313.35. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the limit in such case is $9,600. The lawyer said he has incurred other fees in October.

Scoggins said he has remained cognizant of the fee cap and does not believe that any of the fees so far incurred have been unnecessary or excessive.

Li, a Chinese national, was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in July as he allegedly tried to check-in for a flight to Los Angeles, California, via Narita, Japan, using fake documents. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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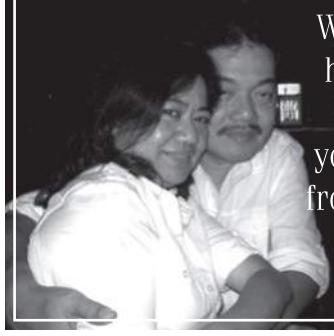

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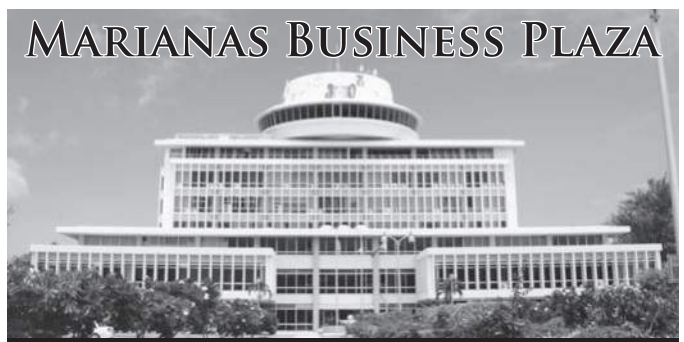

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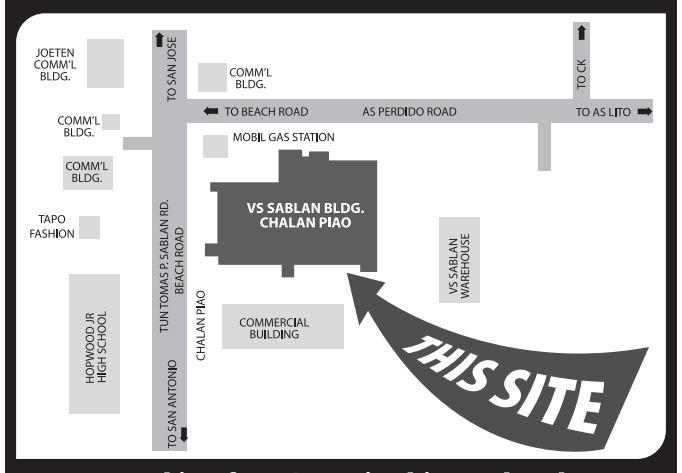

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The evolving legacy of the first President Bush

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Many veterans of the George H. W. Bush administration gathered last weekend at the University of Virginia's Miller Center for the release of oral histories by many top officials and a symposium assessing his presidency's lasting impact.

The historical insights "put today's policy debates in perspective … in a time when sound nonpartisan thinking grounded in the perspective of history is certainly needed," noted the center's director, former Virginia Democratic Gov. Gerald Baliles.

Unsurprisingly, a principal focus was Bush's two monumental foreign policy achievements: helping to ensure a peaceful transition in Europe amid the fall of the Berlin Wall, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, and leading the international coalition that overturned Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

But several speakers argued that, despite some political missteps leading to his re-election defeat, Bush was also a successful domestic president, responsible for such landmark measures as the Americans with Disability Act and an enhanced Clean Air Act.

Most interestingly, some participants, including former National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and longtime Bush aide and biographer Roman Popadiuk, listed among those accomplishments the controversial 1990 budget deficit law that combined domestic spending cuts with the tax increases Bush vowed in 1988 to resist.

"Many rightly believe that budget deal led to the tremendous economic growth of the 1990s," said Scowcroft, one of Bush's closest advisers, in a speech read in his absence by Adm. David Jeremiah. Former chief congressional liaison Fred McClure noted in an oral history that, despite the enormous controversy over the deal, "it ultimately was a very good thing." Others, including former Chief of Staff John Sununu, criticized not only the agreement but the way the late Budget Director Richard Darman orchestrated Bush's decision to accept "tax revenue increases" in seeking a budget pact with congressional Democrats.

That agreement marked the last time any congressional Republicans joined the Democrats in supporting tax increases as part of deficit cutting. President Bill Clinton's 1993 proposal combining spending cuts and tax increases passed on a party-line vote.

Those differences, of course, persist today. Republicans still cling to tax cuts as the path to economic well-being, though the balanced Bush-Clinton approach proved more successful in spurring growth than the second Bush administration's reliance on tax cuts.

On foreign policy, many speakers suggested a clear contrast with the second President Bush's difficulties by stressing the elder Bush's cautious, understated tone and his quest for bipartisan solutions.

"What at the time was seen by many as ambivalence and lack of leadership is now viewed … as foresight, patience and prudent action," said Popadiuk, who runs the Bush Foundation at the Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M.

During a foreign policy panel, historian Timothy Naftali, director of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, praised Bush's restraint in refusing to extend the 1991 Persian Gulf War to seek Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's overthrow.

"He very much wanted Saddam Hussein's regime to collapse,"

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The whirlwinds of Article 12

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Article 12, a descendant of Section 805 of the Covenant Agreement, contains provisions that require discussion by our people in order to understand why it should be kept in its entirety, amended, or repealed altogether. I'd like to bring these issues to you and see if you could critically review them for purposes of coming to full grasp with what it actually says, including the less than obvious.

Landownership:

Several issues come into mind as we review the various aspects of this constitutional provision.

For instance, Article 12 restricts landownership to people of Northern Marianas descent, or NMDs. At the same time it limits the sale of your land to NMDs only. This very limitation derails your rights to full ownership of your land.

Isn't this a clear interference of your rights as the landowner? Isn't this limitation a sure way of denying you what you could get (in the case of a sale) by way of top dollar or fair market value of your land? Isn't this a weird sense of landownership where Article 12 says it's yours and not yours at the same time?

Article 12 says the land is yours, yet you must seek the permission of others to use what you claim as your land. It is a strange form of landownership. Would you agree to surrender a portion of your rights to your private property as provided under Article 12? Isn't the disposition of your land solely yours and yours alone?

Isn't this discriminatory against other U.S. citizens? Isn't this a violation of U.S. citizens' rights to own property as clearly spelled out under the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution?

Assault against our children:

Article 12 requires ethnicity, specifically, blood quantum requirement of 25 percent in order to qualify to own land in the NMI. Isn't this alleged protection of NMI land the very source or constitutional provision designed to displace and rob our children of their rights to inherit land? Isn't it true that such provision also denies our children their rich heritage of home? Why can't this be one of lineage?

Finally, is DNA mapping equipped with the technology to identify how much Carolinian or Chamorro blood is in each of us? Indeed, DNA is a map of a person's physiological makeup. But it lacks the means to identify which is one is Carolinian and by how much. This constitutional provision only goes to show the shortsightedness of imposing ethnicity and blood quantum as a requirement for qualification to landownership.

Is NMI land for NMDs only?

It's healthy to take a quick glimpse into whether Article 12 fulfilled its intent to limit landownership strictly to the indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians. Or where there are issues where it failed to do so. Therefore, the inclusion of provisions for purposes of convenience that illustrate, time and again, its obvious shortsightedness.

Were you aware that Article 12 gave land to non-NMDs? It defined Micronesians who were here on Dec. 31, 1950 as NMDs. Therefore it made NMDs by imposing a date in order to be what's known in legal lingo as "grandfathering." At the same time, it disqualified Chamorros and Carolinians who weren't here on Dec. 31, 1950.

This provision conveniently disqualified factually and biologically full-blooded Chamorros and Carolinians. It goes to show that this provision failed in its attempt to keep local land for the real hosts of these islands.

Too, there's the adoption provision where a minor (Chinese, Filipino, Bangladesh, and others) adopted by NMD parents fully qualify to inherit land in the NMI. Do you see the troubling contradiction under Article 12?

Denial of opportunities

There are federal housing programs that are available for our young people and military veterans that can't be implemented here because of Article 12. Banks have also closed their real estate loan departments because of the troublesome nature borne by this constitutional provision.

This is an issue that you need to think through in that as our young people begin establishing new families, the opportunity to build the first family home becomes next to impossible. Thus, is it right for us to keep Article 12 when in fact it is the obstruction that shuts off homeownership for our up-and-coming young people?

There's also the creeping and steady loss of revenue generation that would mean far less for far more either way we turn. It includes far less for scholarships, medical referral, and other family obligations. Article 12 prevents you from using the equity or value of your land for loans that would enable you to deal with urgent family issues. Is it right to retain Article 12 in perpetuity and subject families to undue hardships?

The issue is in the palm of your hands and only you can make a major difference in your forward-looking plans to living and raising your children in our tiny paradise. The foregoing gives you a glimpse of issues that you need to understand as you decide whether to retain or repeal Article 12. It's in the palm of your hands!

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Learn for free with Anki

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I've got a new item to add to the free software I mentioned in my March 11 column, "Saving Saipan money with freeware." This addition will be useful for many folks in the Commonwealth. The program is called "Anki" and it turns a computer, smart phone, or tablet into an electronic version of flashcards.

Flashcards aren't just kid-stuff for learning the times tables. For example, medical students, nursing students, pilots and language students are enthusiastic users of flash cards, since they have to learn a lot of stuff by rote memorization.

As useful as physical flashcards are, they have drawbacks. For one thing, bulk. Once a collection gets to more than a few hundred cards it becomes ungainly, especially when traveling.

A sufficiently large set of flashcards is also easy to lose track of. For example, I'll lose a stray card now and then, watching it flutter into the gutter on a rainy day. Then I'll torment myself wondering what piece of critical information has slipped away from my learning materials.

And, finally, making a lot of flashcards is a chore of its own.

For all the foregoing reasons one of my tasks for next year was to buy a tablet computer. I wanted to make the leap to tablet-based electronic flashcards.

Well, next year came early. The notion became too seductive to resist. I bought a tablet.

My first task was to learn to use Anki.

First of all, I downloaded Anki onto my notebook computer (not my tablet) from Ankisrs.net. You can also find a link at my website. Cost? Free.

I'm a Windows guy so I didn't dig deep, but I believe most Anki versions are free, with the exception of the iPad/iPhone version. That version is listed at $14.99 right now, though I think its usual price is around $25. Donations can also be made by PayPal and other means.

Once I had Anki installed on my notebook it was time to make flashcards. I had three choices here. I could make them one by one. Or I could download flashcards made by other Anki users generous enough to share their efforts with the public. Or I could import the data from my own vocabulary list which, incidentally, I built in OpenOffice writer, yet another freeware program on my list.

The last option was the most sensible. So that's what I did.

The trick was to squeeze three pieces of information (called "fields") onto each card. This is a common need for language students. On the card's front, I have a Chinese character (field 1). On the back I have the pronunciation of that character (field 2) and also on the back I have the definition of that character (field 3). A two-field card was easy to make, but it took me an entire pot of coffee and half a pack of gummy bears to puzzle out how to format a three-field flavor.

But once I solved that riddle it was a slick operation. My entire vocabulary list was imported by Anki from OpenOffice. Then I got fancy with fonts, making them big to keep things easy on the eyes.

The next step was to get this working on my tablet.

My tablet uses the Android operating system. So, logically enough, I fired up the tablet and downloaded the Android version of Anki.

Anki ran fine. But I hit a bump with my data. I couldn't get the tablet version to read the flashcard file (the one I made on my notebook) from a micro SD card. And, yes, I did follow the documented procedures. Still, it's very possible that a more knowledgeable Android user could have easily solved this problem.

As for me, lacking knowledge, I applied resourcefulness. I went to Anki's site and created a user account. This allowed me to upload the flashcard file from my notebook. Then I turned on my tablet and downloaded that same file.

Result? Success! I now have a tablet of electronic flashcards.

Anki uses a fancy means of card presentation called "spaced repetition" which is designed to optimize the memorization process.

I like using Anki in small chunks, maybe 10 or 15 minutes at a time. The program remembers where I quit, so it's easy to resume things when I jump back in. Entering and leaving Anki is fast and easy. That's in happy contrast to the many programs that insist on tackling you around the ankles when you want to leave, asking, like scorned lovers, if you really, really, really want to go. Well, Anki harbors no such annoyances. Friendly, yes. Clingy, no.

I have just scratched the surface here but that's sufficient. Bottom line: Anki is well-designed and very useful.

Letters to the Editor

Are we prepared? What about the children?

Most people want to be law-abiding. The foreign nationals in the CNMI, for the most part, have been law-abiding people contributing their labor to our community. Despite some of the online comments about them, they're not "overstayers" yet until their umbrella permits run out on Nov. 27, 2011.

Many foreign workers are under enormous stress caused by the uncertainty of the immigration changes. Will their employers seek CW status for them? As Frank Gibson pointed out in his recent article, the advertisements for jobs in the newspapers do not match the number of actual jobs being filled by foreign workers and this lack indicates that many, many employers are behind schedule on what needs to be done to get CW permits for workers.

Many foreign nationals here are trying to come up with fees for their immediate relative petitions, but are struggling in this economy.

The foreign nationals who have U.S. citizen children have tough choices to make. If they must leave, and they must if they haven't obtained some lawful status by Nov. 27, 2011, do they take their U.S. citizen children with them? Or leave them behind?

For some, they simply don't have the money to buy the tickets. Their children will be left here.

For some, their children are handicapped or disabled or have special needs. As U.S. citizen children, they benefit from the safety net of Medicaid, which ensures they will at least have some access to medical care. If their parents take them to the parent's home country, a foreign country that may be new for these U.S. citizen children, the children may suffer because their parents lack the money to pay and without payment they will have no access to medical treatment. For some, the disruption alone would be harmful to the children, so change in their treatment regimens is not an option.

For some, their U.S. citizen children benefit from the safety net of food stamps. If the foreign national parents take their children with them to what is, for the children, a foreign country, the U.S. citizen children may suffer because their parents are unable to feed them.

For some, they'll take their U.S. citizen children with them, no matter what.

For many, possibly most, they will make arrangements to leave their children here. Some lucky departing parents will find trustworthy friends or family to take the children in. Some parents will trust friends or family, who prove untrustworthy or incapable of the task. Some parents will trust their teenaged children to take care of their younger siblings. And some may just leave.

Has the CNMI given any consideration to this? Is the Superior Court ready for an avalanche of guardianship petitions? Is DYS geared up to handle abandoned U.S. citizen children?

Has USCIS considered what the effect will be on the CNMI and to countless U.S. citizen children who face abandonment if it refuses the request of Congressman Sablan to grant parole-in-place to those who would be within the protection of his pending legislation? Does it realize that immediate relative parent who doesn't have the $420 to file an I-130 or the widowed parent who can't afford $405 to file an I-360 is not going to be able to afford airline tickets for their children (and maybe not for themselves). ICE may pay removal costs for a deported alien, but what about the U.S. citizen children? Doesn't the CNRA require some effort to ameliorate negative impacts from the federalization of immigration here?

Many, many U.S. citizen children of foreign national parents here are currently highly stressed themselves and fearful of the uncertain future. They are struggling to stay focused on school and life, but their emotional and mental health is wilting under the pressure.

We are a small community. We're not prepared for the inevitable abandonment of U.S. citizen children that a strict USCIS enforcement policy will bring about. No matter how laudable a rule-based immigration program is (and it is), there must also be a realistic look at the effects. We want to help these U.S. citizen children, but the job may be too big for our community when the parents of these children are gone. What will we do then?

Jane Mack
San Vicente, Saipan

Announcement of job vacancies

To clarify, there are no specific requirements for advertising job vacancies in relation to filing an I-129CW for a CNMI-only Transitional Worker position.

Employers must complete and sign the Employer Attestation (supplemental sheet to I-129CW petition) in which they confirm that there are no qualified U.S. workers available for the position.

USCIS does not dictate how an employer determines that there is no qualified U.S. worker available. The employer must use his or her own judgment in advertising a job so that he/she can make this attestation. Any form of advertising would be acceptable if it provided sufficient opportunity for people to hear about a job—including, but not limited to TV, radio, print, online. An employer can submit evidence with the I-129CW petition of how he/she decided no qualified U.S. worker was available (e.g. how, when, where, how often advertised) or should be able to explain this should USCIS ask for evidence.

Marie Thérèse Sebrechts
DHS-USCIS-Office of Communications

Information needed

While looking over Saipan and Guam on Google World I noticed a great difference between what I remember of those islands and what I now see. In 1945 I was on Saipan long enough to cover what I thought was much of it. Is there a Saipan historical society I could email seeking answers to questions about the island? I would like information about the large lake, a cave, and there seems to be some erosion on the Banzai Cliff side. Also I would like to know about the lush shrub growth still growing over much of Saipan. Guam seems to have been stripped of most vegetation I remember. It seems strange to look at present-day Saipan and Guam compared to what *I think I remember* from so long ago. I am finding the mind to be a poor place to store information. Thanks for any help you can give me.

Donald Ditzler
Savoy, IL

LEGACY

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Naftali said. "He hated Saddam Hussein. But…hatred cannot be the motivator for an American leader. Bush showed the discipline to end the war in a way most likely to lay the foundation for a better world … and ushered in a period during which the United States was never more respected or more powerful.

"I will leave to another conference the discussion of what happened to that international respect and power," he added pointedly.

Scowcroft noted Bush's attention to seeking and nurturing personal relationships with world leaders, members of Congress and others, a sharp contrast with the minimal congressional ties of his three successors.

"He didn't want to be the kind of guy you only hear from when he needed something," Scowcroft said. "He made it a practice to give those who disagreed with him the benefit of the doubt. We certainly could use a lot more of that these days."

Really?!

To Kelvin Rodeo: Really? Time to resort to lawlessness to fight Wall Street? The national news medias report it as " the mob." And these are people who when interviewed could not tell the news media why or what they were demonstrating against! Yet President Obama and Nancy Polosi have spoken out to support them! Truly we need to remove them and install new leaders but we will do it lawfully, next election in 2012! I can't speak for the good people in the CNMI, Kelvin, but you may not get too many takers I would guess.

Franklin Keiper
Meyer, Arizona

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼71
Kosrae	Showers	▲91	▼76
Majuro	Rain	▲87	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲66	▼58
Beijing	Sunny	▲72	▼49
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼75
London	Showers	▲58	▼46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼54
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼79
Melbourne	Rain	▲64	▼56
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼64
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼46
Osaka	Showers	▲72	▼64
Paris	Sunny	▲53	▼36
Pusan	Rain	▲70	▼60
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼51
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲63	▼48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼57
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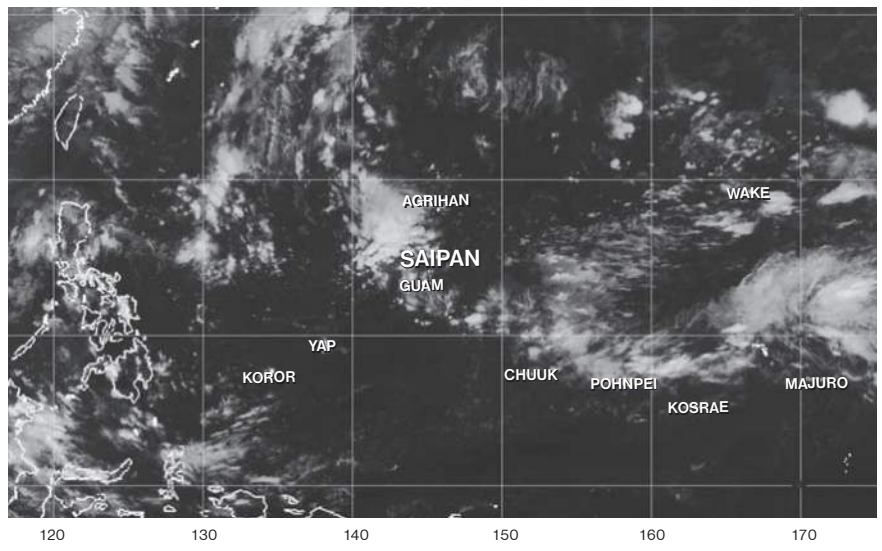

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is centered west of the Marianas at 19N139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found northwest of the Marianas west of Iwo To island within 100 miles of a line from 16N143E to 25N1139E. Another upper-level low is centered east of the Marianas at 17N152E. Low-level convergence and the upper-low are combining to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Chuuk within 125 miles of a line running from 10N153E to 15N155E. A third upper-level low is centered east of Wake Island at 19N169E. An upper-level trough runs from the low to 24N180. This combined system is producing isolated thunderstorms between 18N and 25N from 165E to 180. Converging east winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Chuuk and just north of Pohnpei between 7N and 10N from 152E to 160E and east of Pohnpei within 40 miles of a line from 7N 163E to 8N165E. Trade-wind disturbances are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms around Kwajalein and north of Majuro between 7N and 15N from 165E to the dateline.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:34 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
8:06 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
3:28 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:26 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Sunday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Monday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Tuesday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		12:32 PM
Friday	12:20 AM	1:18 PM
Saturday	1:16 AM	2:03 PM
Sunday	2:12 AM	2:48 PM
Monday	4:10 AM	4:21 PM

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SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Letter to the Editor

More time please

In the few weeks after the release of the final worker rule on Sept. 7, employers have started posting job vacancy announcements for positions filled by foreign workers as required by the final regulations. CNMI employers have started filing their Commonwealth-only worker petitions and reaching out to U.S. citizen to fill positions currently occupied by foreign workers, regardless if these foreign workers are long-time employees, regardless if a foreign worker is highly experienced, and regardless if the worker is highly qualified. All employers are mandated by the final rule to replace foreign workers with U.S. citizens who will apply and is qualified to do the job because that is the law. There are people who've spent their lifetimes in the CNMI, established their own family, and who have lived and worked here for more than 10 years, then here comes the federal law driving them out of the islands, disregarding the fact that being jobless is not the fault of the foreign workers but rather due to the global economic slowdown.

The job vacancy announcements are meant to encourage qualified and available U.S. workers to apply for these foreign worker-held positions. This means that there is no mercy in hiring and replacing foreign nationals under the final regulations. The final regulations were delayed for more than two years until it came out on Sept. 7, 2011. The much awaited release of final regulations was delayed for so many reason and now with only less than 60 days to its effectivity, the final regulations states that all foreign workers will be out of status if no employer will petition for them for a CW status by Nov. 27, 2011. Employers need proof, including job vacancy announcements, to attest that there were no qualified U.S. workers for the position currently occupied by the foreign worker. These job vacancy announcements have been in the CNMI long before foreign workers came here but the same still holds true: There is not enough available U.S. citizen workers to fill the entire foreign workforce. This time is no different than before so the final regulation is creating an unreliable labor pool through an indirect removal of foreign workers.

USCIS says the transition period is a matter of statute, found in the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 or Public Law 110-229, and that there is no provision in the CNRA to move the transition period to a later date. There is also nothing in the U.S. Congress being considered to extend the Nov. 27, 2011, deadline, according to USCIS officials. The drafters of the final regulation forget to state the "general rule" that says "for every rule there is always an exception."

The final regulation violates the intent of the CNRA. The CNRA states that the intent is "to minimize to the greatest extent practicable the potential adverse economic and fiscal effects of that phase-out, to maximize the CNMI's potential for future economic and business growth, and to assure worker protections from the potential for abuse and exploitation." This is not being realized. Rather, the final rule is creating more problems for the economy, with businesses and workers forced to pay for H and/or CW visas.

There was a series of information meetings to explain the final rule but there are still questions with no concrete answer, with contradicting answer, so the rule is most likely not enforceable and is subject to changes or insertions.

From Nov. 28, 2009, until the release of the CW final rule, employers and foreign workers in the CNMI were in limbo as to what to do. Pending the release of the CW final rule, confusion abounded among employers and employees alike about the application of labor laws, and misleading information exposed workers and employers to serious immigration and labor consequences. Government agencies, both local and federal, were all silent about what to do and where to go and the common response was to wait for the release of the CW final rule. Now that the final regulation is out for implementation within just 57 days, everyone is still in limbo, therefore the final regulation is not enforceable and needs to be extended.

There are foreign workers with pending claims and with resolved cases but no enforcement of judgment, workers who were unfairly terminated by their employers, workers with U.S. citizen children but have no employers to petition them, workers who have labored in the CNMI for up to 20 to 30 years who are now facing loss of immigration status. Where is the humanitarian consideration in the final regulation? Parole-in-place will only prolong the agony of affected foreign workers and prolong their fear of being deported.

There once was a man who, in trying to earn for his family, cut some trees for charcoal production and a construction contractor who was about to demolish a century-old forest for the construction of a commercial building. Both were put in jail for violation of the bird habitat law. How about foreign workers? They are human beings who have been on the islands for years. These islands have become these foreign workers' habitat too for many, many years but they are being forcibly evicted by the CW regulation.

The CW final rule unduly prejudices foreign workers and business owners due to the short period when it was released and the time of its implementation. Given the economic conditions in the CNMI, proponents of the CW final rule failed to take into consideration the congressional intent in implementing Public Law 110-229. The proponent of the final regulations failed to incorporate comments and inputs received during the drafting of the final regulation. An extension of umbrella permit or suspension of the regulation's date of implementation for one year is enough time for those who have lived on this island for many years to dispose of their personal belongings and plan for their future.

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Japanese Autumn Festival at the Paseo tomorrow

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The Japanese Society of Northern Marianas is inviting the community to take part in this year's Japanese Autumn Festival scheduled for tomorrow.

Yoichi Matsumura of the Japanese Society said the event will start off with a peace ceremony at 10am at the Katori Jingu Shrine at the Sugar King Park in Garapan.

"We invite everyone to attend this meaningful ceremony to pray for the people of Japan and the CNMI," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Matsumura, who is also president of Pacific Development Inc., said that 25 guests from Chiba and Ibaraki Prefectures in Japan, including High Priest Rev. Shoji Takahashi, are expected to participate in the ceremony.

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the rebuilding of the Katori Jingu Shrine and the founding anniversary of the Japanese Society of Northern Marianas, a non-profit corporation.

The ceremony will be followed by the Autumn Festival celebration starting at 5pm at Paseo de Marianas.

This year's festivities will feature cultural dance performances called Yosakoi and Bon Dance, Japanese game booths for Fukuniki or the Japanese raffle game, Kingyo-sukui or fish scooping, as well as various food stands that offer yakisoba, pizza, barbecue chicken, and a lot more.

Matsumura said they decided to change their venue and schedule for the festival this year. The Japanese Autumn Festival used to be held at the Round House across the Katori Jingu Shrine right after the ceremony.

"We want more people to be able to join us in celebrating the Japanese Autumn Festival until night time," he said.

Matsumura urged the public to join them in celebrating Japanese culture by taking part in the Japanese Autumn Festival.

For more information, contact Matsumura at 322-8785 or 287-8785.

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SCC to elect new officers in November

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will conduct its annual elections for directors and officers this coming SCC general membership meeting on Nov. 2, 2011, at the Saipan Grand Hotel.

The SCC selection committee is verifying candidate eligibility to provide past president Jim Arenovski the official candidate slate for this coming election.

To date, eight eligible candidates have committed to running for the two board vacancies and four officer positions, according to Chamber executive director Richard Pierce

Pierce is urging Chamber members to submit any additional nominations for the six board/officer positions. "This system will allow the SCC selection committee to review for eligibility, as well as contact those nominated to confirm as to their desire to offer themselves for the actual election on Nov. 2," he said in an email message to Chamber members.

Nominations may be emailed to coordinator@saipanchamber.com.

The minimum qualifications for directors/officers are as follows:

- The candidate must have held membership in good standing in the Chamber for a minimum of one year.
- The candidate must have attended at least 20 percent (or three) of the SCC general membership meetings the current calendar year.
- The candidate must have actively participated in one or more committees, seminars, forums, and projects as opportunities for Chamber involvement of the current calendar year.
- Candidates for president/chairperson must have served a full year on the board of directors within the last five years.

Proxy vote/s requests must be received by company/organization representatives before Nov 1. ***(SCC)***

MVA seeks funding to assign a security guard to Suicide Cliff

The Marianas Visitors Authority is seeking to identify funds within its current budget to expand its security services to include Suicide Cliff, a widely popular visitor site where a Russian visitor was robbed last week.

For several years, the MVA has hired private security firms to provide services at frequently visited sites, which now include Banzai Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, Grotto, and popular dive spots Laulau Beach and Obyan Beach.

"Since the MVA took on the responsibility of providing security services at these sites, crime there has almost completely eliminated," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "Practically, the MVA is not able to provide oversight at all frequent visitor locations, but we are looking at trying to include Suicide Cliff in our ongoing round of procurement for security services."

Banzai Cliff, Bird Island, and Grotto are located in the Marpi area of Saipan, along with Suicide Cliff, and received nearly 40,000 visitors combined in August 2011. Currently security services at these locations are provided by G4S Security Services (CNMI) Inc.

"In partnership to fight criminal activities in the areas, G4S will be diverting their resources to patrol the areas, especially those that are being targeted by criminals," said G4S branch manager Moises K. Pangelinan, Jr. "We need community support to fight criminal activities at the area. If you see or hear something suspicious, report it."

The security guards also administer first aid and report maintenance or other problems.

"Although the MVA's primary role as a state tourism office is to promote travel to the Northern Marianas, at the same time, we realize that all our marketing efforts would be useless if visitors didn't feel safe coming here. This was the impetus for contracting security services in the beginning," said Tenorio. "Tourism is the sole economic driver for our entire economy, and the safety of our islands should be a concern for the whole community."

The MVA currently dedicates over $120,000 annually to security services. ***(MVA)***

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Theft at golf course

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a theft incident that occurred at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2011, at about 10am, an elderly Japanese couple in their 60s reported a theft incident that occurred while they were golfing. The tourists were on the 13th hole when they first spotted the suspect walking by the area. The suspect is described as a local male, dark skinned, with long black hair, about 5'7" tall, wearing dark-colored pants, a green polo shirt with blue stripes.

The victims continued playing golf and noticed the suspect following them. At hole No. 15, the suspect approached the victims and spoke Japanese to them. He then jumped onto their golf cart and sped away. The victims chased the suspect who crashed the golf cart in a ditch and escaped into the eastern part of the jungle.

The items stolen was a purse containing a room key, two pairs of sunglasses, and $300 worth of traveler's checks.

DPS and Crime Stoppers are seeking help from the public. Contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.com. Crime stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call. ***(Crime Stoppers)***

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American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh receives a certificate of appreciation from Tanapag Elementary School principal Jessica Taylor, Ed.D., at the Red Cross chapter office on Airport Road, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011. ARC was recognized for donating 50 cleaning-supply kits to the school this year.

11 Saipan beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged 11 Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified. The affected sites are the Wing Beach and Civic Center Beach and beaches adjacent to the DPW Channel Bridge, south Puerto Rico dump, Micro Beach, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Fiesta Resort drainage, Garapan Fishing Dock, Sugar Dock, and CK Dist. 2 drainage.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan on Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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Public Service Announcement - Availability of Federal Funds

The Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) is announcing the availability of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP). These Grant Programs includes the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP); Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA); and two Grant Programs under the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP).

A description and purpose summary for each Grant Program are provided below, including the amounts available for each program to be awarded less planning and administrative costs stipulated under each program that are allotted to CJPA as the Designated State Administering Agency (DSAA) for these programs in the Commonwealth.

I. Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant: FY 2011: $ 246,096.00
Proposed as a mechanism to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the JAG Program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG replaces the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs with a single funding mechanism to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most, and simplifies the administration process for grantees. The JAG purpose areas are: Law Enforcement Programs, Prosecution and Court Programs, Prevention and Education Programs, Corrections and Community Corrections Programs, Drug Treatment Programs and Planning, Evaluation, Technology Improvement Programs, and Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation). Any law enforcement or justice initiative previously eligible for funding under Byrne or LLEBG is eligible for JAG funding.

Funds under this program may be used to support the hiring, training, and employing of additional law enforcement officers and necessary support personnel on a continuing basis. Furthermore, funds can be used to procure equipment, technology, and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions, as well as establishing crime prevention programs involving cooperation between community residents and law enforcement personnel to control, detect, or investigate crime or to prosecute criminals.

II. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Program
The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) provides national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization. OJJDP supports states and communities in their efforts to develop and implement effective and coordinated prevention and intervention programs and to improve the juvenile justice system so that it protects public safety, holds offenders accountable, and provides treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of juveniles and their families.

1. **Title II Formula Grant: FY 2011: $45,000.00**
The OJJDP Title II grants are made available to specifically fund programs that address Youth Development, Juvenile Justice System Improvement, and Juvenile Delinquency Prevention. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program has four core-requirements that must be maintained. They are: 1) Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders; 2) Sight and Sound Separation between juvenile and adult inmates; 3) Complete Jail Removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups and 4) The Disproportionate Minority Contact issue. Beyond these requirements, these funds can be used for services targeted at juvenile delinquency prevention through education, training, recreation, and other rehabilitative services.

2. **Title V Delinquency Prevention Program: FY 2011: $11,875.00**
Established in the 1992 through the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974, the Title V grant program is made available to fund collaborative and community-based delinquency prevention efforts. The program integrates six (6) fundamental principles and they are: comprehensive and multidisciplinary approaches, research foundation for planning, community control and decision-making, leveraging of resources and systems, evaluation to monitor program progress and effectiveness, and a long-term perspective to form a strategic approach to reducing juvenile delinquency. Title V provides funding and a framework to enable communities to develop and implement comprehensive 3-year prevention/strategic plans that are designed to reduce risk factors associated with delinquency and decrease juvenile problem behavior.

3. **Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) FY 2011**
The JABG grant program is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 2002 as amended. As envisioned by Congress, the goal of the JABG program is to reduce juvenile offending through supporting accountability-based programs that focus on offenders and state and local juvenile justice systems. The basic premise underlying the JABG program is that both the juvenile offender and the juvenile justice system must be held accountable. In implementing the program, OJJDP seeks to reduce juvenile offending through both offender-focused and system-focused activities that promote accountability. For the juvenile justice system, strengthening the system requires an increased capacity to develop youth competence, to efficiently track juveniles through the system, and to provide enhanced options such as restitution, community service, victim-offender mediation, and other restorative justice sanctions that reinforce the mutual obligations of an accountability-based juvenile justice system.

Pre-allocated agencies by purpose area below, *must* submit a complete application of how available funds will be used, including an implementation plan of how goals and objectives will help meet the predicted outcomes of their respective program purpose areas in order to use their awards.

- Under the JABG FY2011, these agencies or categories are allotted the following amounts: ***DPS-JPU: $8,000.00; DYS-JPU: $8,000.00; DYS-JDU: $8,000.00; PDO: $8,000.00; FCD: $8,000.00;***

4. **Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Grant, FY 2011**
The OJJDP Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) grant program are funds made available to supports and enhances efforts by states and territories to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. (Minors are defined as individuals under 21 years of age.)
Innovative Programs: $100,000.00; Public Advertising: $10,000.00.

Pre-allocated agencies by purpose area below, must submit a complete application of how available funds will be used, including an implementation plan of how goals and objectives will help meet the predicted outcomes of their respective program purpose areas in order to use their awards.

Under EUDL FY2011, the pre-allocated agencies below are allotted the following amounts:
- ***Law Enforcement DPS-EUDL: $100,000.00;***
- ***Commerce ABTC-EUDL: $50,000.00;***

III. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Assistance Formula Program: FY2011: $248,827.00
Established in 1984, the VOCA, Office for Victims of Crime oversee diverse programs that benefit victims of crime. The OVC through VOCA grant program provides funding to support state and territory victim assistance and compensation programs, which are the lifeline services that help victims to heal. Funds made available through VOCA assistance program is intended for direct service providers of victims of crime only. VOCA funds can support trainings designed to educate criminal justice and allied professionals regarding the rights and needs of crime victims. Included in this category, funds under this program is designed to provide direct services to victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assaults, survivors of homicide and other crime victims.

IV. STOP Violence Against Women Act Formula Grant Program: FY 2011: $ 554,391.00
The Office on Violence Against Women, a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, provides national leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women through the implementation of the Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP), VAWA. Established by legislation, funds through VAWA formula grant, are made available to support efforts in developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in state, local, and tribal partnerships among police, prosecutors, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders, and others. STOP-VAWA grant programs provide assistance for victims through protection and services that they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while simultaneously enabling communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence. In accordance with the STOP program requirements "CNMI Three Year Implementation Plan", STOP-VAWA grant funds are made available to support law enforcement, prosecution, victim services, and the Superior Court in the CNMI.

The **15%** of the amount stated above will be under the discretion of CJPA and maybe spent at CJPA's discretion to address VAWA statutory program areas.

Pre-qualified agencies mentioned below, must submit a complete application of how available funds will be used, including an implementation plan of how goals, objectives and activities will help meet the predicted outcomes of their respective programs.

Under the VAWA FY 11, in accordance with CNMI Implementation Plan, these categories and/or agencies are allotted at least the following amounts:
- **30% Non Profit, Non Governmental Victim Services;** of which at least 10% is to be distributed to culturally-specific community based organizations;
- **25% Law Enforcement** (Department of Public Safety, Office of Adult Probation and Office of Parole);
- **25% Prosecution** (Office of the Attorney General);
- **5% Courts** (Family Court);
- The **15%** will be under the Discretion of CJPA and maybe used at CJPA's discretion to address VAWA statutory program areas.

V. Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Formula Grant: FY 2011: $ 12,044.00
The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), created by the Violence Against Women Act of 2005, is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. The SASP encompasses four different funding streams for States and Territories, Tribes, State Sexual Assault Coalitions, Tribal Coalitions, and culturally specific organizations. Overall, the purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

Eligible Applicants for SASP grant program are: ***Non-profit, non-governmental organizations***

The available funds will be awarded by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System (CJPA Supervisory Council) through a sub-grant review process and plan consistent with the project description outlined in the program applications and accompanying strategies for the aforementioned DOJ programs. Sub-grant applicants under OJJDP funds will be awarded by the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) with the concurrence-approval of the Supervisory Council. Projects funded under these programs will be monitored and administered by the Criminal Justice Planning Agency.

All applications must be submitted to CJPA no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011.

For Tinian and Rota Applications Only:
Complete and signed applications submitted from Rota and Tinian will be accepted by fax or email following the deadline said above, including a "must" be submitted hardcopy via air waybill with the deadline said above stamped or recorded on the "executed on date and time" section of the air waybill. Incomplete application(s) send in by fax or email will not be accepted.

For more information and for interested applicants, please contact CJPA at 664-4550/4551/4553/4556 or stop by the Office on Capitol Hill (Building #1314 or #1315) Also, the application format is available through our website at www.cjpa.gov.mp. Please indicate and specify which grant program that you are applying for on the application. If necessary, please call the CJPA Office at 664-4550.

/s/ Ignacio Aguiningoc
Chairman, Supervisory Council

/s/ Mr. Jerome Ierome
Executive Director, CJPA

New AusAID grant funding for FSM, Marshalls, Palau

New funding totalling $95,000 in Australian dollars has been allocated to the Australian Embassy for the 2011-12 financial year as part of the Direct Aid Program in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau. This funding is available on a not-for-profit basis to individuals, non-government organizations, and community groups engaged in development activities in the FSM, RMI and Palau.

The DAP is a flexible small grants program funded by the Australian Agency for International Development, AusAID, and administered by Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. It is intended to respond to developmental and humanitarian needs in their host country and/or eligible countries of non-resident accreditation. Grants are usually given for amounts of $5,000 up to $10,000 U.S. dollars.

The primary aim of DAP is to advance developmental outcomes in developing countries. The DAP focuses on small-grants that benefit grass-roots, community-based organizations that might otherwise be overlooked by larger aid programs. DAP is intended to help communities to help themselves through one-off funding and is not a continuing funding stream for ongoing projects.

Successful applications will describe projects that have a clear, demonstrable developmental outcome. Applications should be fully costed, with a detailed budget based on real prices, and should be feasible, with a realistic implementation timeframe. Applications for DAP grants can be submitted any time up until March 1, 2012.

Applications for DAP can be found on the Australian Embassy's website at http://www.fsm.embassy.gov.au/phpi/cooperation.html, or applications can be picked up at the Australian Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei at the H&E building across from the PAMI building. Applications can also be mailed out to requesting organisations by contacting our Public Diplomacy Officer at 691-320-5448. ***(Australian Embassy)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DPS sets weekend sobriety checkpoints

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting sobriety checkpoints today and tomorrow, Oct. 21-22, 2011.

Today, the first setup will be on Chalan Pale Arnold, Puerto Rico by the U.S. Army Reserve Center on the southbound lane from 7:30pm to 8:45pm. The second setup will be on Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, Chalan Kiya on the westbound lane from 10pm to 11:15pm.

Tomorrow, the first setup will be on Beach Road Chalan Laulau adjacent to Dr. Benusto Kaipat's residence on the southbound lane from 8pm to 9:15pm. The second setup will be on Chalan Pale, Gualo Rai in front of Han's Tire Shop on the northbound lane from 11pm to 12:45am. ***(DPS)***

Domestic violence on *Marianas Agupa*

This Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, *Marianas Agupa* will feature detective Pete Aldan, member of the Domestic Violence Group, a coalition between DPS/Fire EMS/SVPE and the community, who will talk about the campaign against domestic violence in the community and observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. He will be the guest from 10am to 10:30am.

The Chamorro radio talk show program is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM and is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports are as follows: World report and program review by former mayor Joseph S. Inos and a report from Rota by Thomas D. Mendiola, a special segment called Hafa Mohon with Juanita Mendiola and a report from Tinian by former senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. ***(PR)***

Public hearing tonight on rezoning proposal

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations will hold a public hearing today, Oct. 21, from 6pm to 8pm at the Dandan Elementary School cafeteria to obtain comments on House Local Bill 17-26 that seeks to amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008. The proposal is to turn the area north and east of the airport runway into an industrialized zone. Written testimonies may be submitted on or before Oct. 21, 2011. To submit written testimony, drop off or fax to the Office of Representative Joseph M. Palacios (664-8831), mail to P.O. Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950, or email to rep.palaciosj@cnmileg.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

Teams sought for One-Pitch Softball Tournament

Team Aschoscho is hosting a One-Pitch Softball Tournament on Oct. 21 - 23, 2011, at the Capital Hill Softball Field. Entrance fee is $100, co-ed format, and maximum of 20 teams. Interested teams must attend the meeting this Wednesday, Oc. 19, 2011, 6pm at the Capital Hill Softball Field. For more information, contact one of the Team Aschoscho Officers or Jerome Delos Santos at 989-7456 or Jun Saralu at 285-9002. ***(PR)***

Energy Division to hand out free energy savings kits

The Department of Public Works' Energy Division will be giving away Home Energy Savings Kits this month on the following schedule:

- Oct. 26-27, 2011, at the Rota Mayor's Office, from 9am to 4pm.
- Nov. 7-10, 2011, at the Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio Multi- Purpose Center, from 9am to 4pm.

This promotion is available to all residential paying customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Those would like to receive the free items must provide a copy of their most current CUC utility bill. ***(PR)***

Parole-in-place workshop

The Marianas Office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. is hosting the last of its parole-in-place workshops on Sunday, Oct. 23, at American Memorial Park. The workshop will begin at 1pm. It is for parole-in-place for ONLY 1) those foreign nationals who hold a CNMI permanent residency status or 2) those who were born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974, and Jan. 9, 1978.

Although MLSC will conduct the workshop to help people understand the process and put together their applications, no individual legal advice will be given. MLSC will not be accepting cases or filing on behalf of those who attend the workshops. The purpose of the session is simply to help get information out.

The workshop will be conducted in English. Do NOT bring children to the workshop. Children may not be left unattended in the Park's museum or gift shop. For more information, contact the Marianas Office at 234-6243. ***(MLSC)***

MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit on Oct. 27

The Marianas Tourism Education Council, school MY WAVE clubs, and the Marianas Visitors Authority will hold the MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit on Oct. 27, 2011.

The summit will welcome an estimated 150 students of grade levels 3 to 12 for a full day of activities about tourism and its importance to the Northern Marianas community. Heidi Ballendorf, president of the Guam Tourism Education Council, will be the keynote speaker.

MVA chair Marian Aldan-Pierce will also address the students, and well as Dr. Fred Schumann and Hopwood Jr. High School MY WAVE club president Mikee Campo.

Interested schools may contact event chair and Hopwood Jr. High vice principal Epiphanio Cabrera at epicabrera@gmail.com or 670.237.3456 or Martin Duenas at the MVA at mduenas@mymarianas.com to register students. The event will be held from 9am to 1pm at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall. ***(MVA)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTATE OF SEGUNDO DLC. CASTRO, LEE Q. CASTRO, and VIRGINA Q. CASTRO,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-0246B

NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Estate of Segundo DLC. Castro, Virginia Q. Castro and Lee Q. Castro in the following described, real property situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Fee simple land situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as **Lot No. 002 T 03** (Formerly Block 1, Lot 3) as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 T 00, dated August 20, 1969, and containing an area of 1,367 square meters, more or less, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 21, 2011**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in wiritng, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Estate of Segundo DLC. Castro, Virgina Q. Castro and Lee Q. Castro in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011.

/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Note: CDA accepts Visa and MC only. A 2% processing fee will be charged on credit card payments.

Legal Description	Lot 002 T 03
Land Area	1,367 square meters
Location	San Jose Village, Tinian, Saipan
CDA Rights Appraised	Fee Simple Interest
Utilities Available	Electric power, city water, telephone, TV cable
Market Value	$113,000

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

FELIPE Q. ATALIG, individually and dba CASA DE FELIPE, and ELVIRA CUSTODIO ATALIG,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0242B

NOTICE OF THIRD AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the following described, real property situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-3**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R4**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 21, 2011**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
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4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in wiritng, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
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6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011.

/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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Tracts 21769-R2-4,
GINALANGAN, ROTA
Appraised 2009: $2,400.00
Area:850 sqm

Tract 21769-R2-3,
GINALANGAN, ROTA
Appraised 2009:$2,800.00
Area:900 sqm

Garapan gets more water hours with completion of CUC project

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Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Tony Babauta and acting governor Eloy Inos, center, led the ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday for the newly completed Puerto Rico transmission and distribution waterline project, which will improve the services to Garapan. From left are NMI Water Task Force director Pete Sasamoto, AIC Marianas Inc. representative Michael Stewart, Babauta, Inos, OIA's Nick Pula, and CUC executive director Abe Utu Malae.

Residents and businesses in Garapan now have a more stable water supply following the completion yesterday of the Puerto Rico transmission and distribution waterline project, bringing additional hours of water service to customers.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Tony Babauta and acting governor Eloy S. Inos led yesterday's ribbon-cutting ceremony, held at the Puerto Rico tank site. Both officials praised the performance of the CNMI Water Task Force for completing the project on time.

Funded by a $344,000 Office of Insular Affairs grant, the project was done in seven months, lasting from Feb. 2 to Sept.12 this year. The contractor was AIC Marianas Inc.

Inos said that OIA was instrumental in the project's completion and commended its officials, Babauta and OIA director Nick Pula, for their constant follow-up and oversight for the project.

"This project signifies another milestone in our desire to provide essential public services. Water has been a major challenge from the time I was growing up when we're only using rainwater as main source. Now, I can say that we have a lot of villages around the islands that are enjoying 24-hour service. Today…we can extend services to some 7,000 additional customers. This is a major accomplishment," said Inos.

CUC has about 50,000 water customers on Saipan.

Babauta, for his part, lauded the Fitial administration for making the project a priority. By having high quality water and services, the CNMI—like any other place—will be able to attract more people to invest and stay, he said.

Water Task Force director Pete Sasamoto shared yesterday the many challenges that were faced by AIC Marianas Inc. during the construction, including the permitting requirements.

According to Travis Spaeth, acting water and wastewater manager for CUC, the completion of the new transmission and distribution waterline project will benefits customers in Garapan where only about 50 percent of customers have nonstop water supply.

From only a few hours of water service, Garapan customers will now enjoy an additional three hours of service because of the project, Spaeth said.

CUC deputy executive director Alan Fletcher said the project is only one part of several major water projects that when all completed, will bring 24-hour service to all CUC clients.

MHS students, Japanese visitors exchange notes on culture, gifts

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Visiting students from Ueda Nishi High School in Japan perform a song number during the welcome ceremony hosted by Marianas High School yesterday morning.

Students of Marianas High School demonstrated island hospitality to their counterparts from Ueda Nishi High School in Japan with a welcome ceremony at the MHS gymnasium yesterday morning.

The event opened with the singing of the national anthem by the MHS Chorus, composed of about 100 student members of short choirs, chorale, and the glee club.

MHS Student Council president Vinni Orsini and vice president Audrey Ada served as the emcees for the program that featured dance presentations by the MHS Chamorro and Refaluwasch Cultural Clubs, plus song and dance performances by Ueda Nishi High School students.

Orsini, who addressed the visiting students in Japanese, expressed hope that students of both schools would share smiles and laughs and that they would add each other on Facebook.

"With Saipan being a small rock on the map, student exchange programs like this help the people of Saipan, especially students, realize that we're not alone in the world and that we're part of a bigger world," Orsini told *Saipan Tribune*.

A video of events and sites in Ueda City prepared by the Ueda Nishi High School English Communication Club was also featured.

Ueda Nishi High School principal Kenji Muramatsu said the visiting group, composed of 201 students, 19 teachers, and four tour coordinators, flew to Saipan to pray for peace and to study its history and how it relates to Japan.

"We had a wonderful experience through this exchange program. Students from both schools had a wonderful time. We learned about the local culture through the performances," Muramatsu said through an interpreter.

Muramatsu also presented gifts to MHS officials led by principal Cherlyn Cabrera, including a doll wearing a kimono made from the famous Ueda silk, a fish-like statue that symbolizes courage, and a traditional wooden box.

In return, Cabrera presented Muramatsu with the book *We Drank Our Tears: Memories of the Battles for Saipan and Tinian* and a DVD about Saipan created by the History Channel.

Cabrera said they are "always excited" to host exchange students at MHS. "This is part of our program in school to bring multi-cultural awareness or expose our students to different cultures."

According to Cabrera, this is the fourth visit they received from a foreign school this year. The other two are from sister schools Seisa High School and Kitatoshima High School.

Cabrera said that MHS students help Japanese students learn about Saipan's culture through activities such as coconut husking, weaving, and local dances. In return, MHS students learn about various Japanese dances and games.

The visiting group, which held a peace ceremony at Banzai Cliff on Tuesday, flew back to Japan yesterday afternoon.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for Terminal Improvements at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950,

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport, Terminal Improvements, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 PM** on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011** to the Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, demolition, building and site improvements, including concrete foundations, concrete slab-on-grade, cast-in-place concrete, roof membrane, metal roofing, thermal insulation, concrete masonry unit walls, non-structural metal framing, carpentry, gypsum board, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, acoustical ceilings, aluminum doors and frames, aluminum windows, glazing, cabinetry, toilet partitions, toilet accessories, painting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical lighting and power, complete and ready for use all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from CNMI Capital Improvement Program. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not "responsive and responsible", their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal Money Order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at CPA Conference Room, Tinian International Airport, at 10:00 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. All prospective Bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Schedule form included on the CD-Rom obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding Bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the Bid Schedule or misentry of the quantity of line items; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the Project Contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said Bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

Each Bidder must supply all information required by the Bid Proposal documents and Specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications. Bid Proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority office.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Specifications. To be eligible for award, each Bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this Invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award of any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a Certified Check, or a Cashier's Check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid Price. Checks shall be made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

The proposed Contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman / Contracting Officer

Date: September 30, 2011

VS Sablan Plaza boast of islands' only indoor bazaar

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Tired of al fresco shopping that either gets you sunburned or doused in cold rain? Head out to VS Sablan Plaza in Chalan Piao for the island's only indoor bazaar.

The remnants of what was once an unoccupied building is no more after property owner Sablan Enterprises Inc. spruced it up and turned it into a charming commercial building that has drawn the interest of small-scale entrepreneurs that sell an array of new and used goods.

With about 10 merchants occupying a spacious 7,147 square feet of acreage, VS Sablan Plaza is now bustling with commercial activities and is fast becoming the go-to place for bargain hunters looking for a wide array of merchandise ranging from clothing and accessories to toys and crafts.

Stores like Melanie's Outlet, which carries all sorts of knick-knacks, and Megan's Parlor & Michael's Boutique, which offers salon services and trendy clothes, have already set up shop at VS Sablan Plaza.

Ben Sablan, realty manager for Sablan Enterprises Inc., said that more boutiques and stores, including an ice cream parlor, have expressed interest in leasing their stalls. In fact, VS Sablan Plaza will soon have a snack bar, thanks to Sandjuvy Restaurant.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

The indoor bazaar at VS Sablan Plaza features endless mainstream merchandise ranging from clothing and accessories to toys and crafts.

"We've been receiving a lot of inquiries about our commercial spaces. We even have a waiting list already. It's a very successful indoor bazaar," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

What's good about the indoor bazaar, Sablan said, is the convenience that it gives shoppers who are on the look out not only for great deals but also for the ultimate shopping experience.

"Rain or shine, you can shop at the VS Sablan Plaza's indoor bazaar without any hassle. We have ample parking and we also installed wall fans throughout our halls to keep both buyers and sellers cool and comfortable without worrying too much about the high cost of utilities and they are very happy about that," he said.

Sablan said the increasing interest of both customers and entrepreneurs in VS Sablan Plaza's indoor bazaar is also due to its slick facilities.

"VS Sablan Plaza prides itself in maintaining a topnotch and very clean building that's very family-oriented," he said.

Sablan also emphasized that VS Sablan Plaza is open Monday to Sunday, from 9am to 9pm. "We're open seven days a week so you can buy your needs from us any day."

Sablan said that renting a stall at VS Sablan Plaza is on a monthly basis. "We understand the current economic situation so we try to accommodate entrepreneurs who don't want to get tied up with long leasing contracts," he explained.

For those who are looking for the perfect location, he said that there are still stalls and units available on a first-come-first-served basis.

"We have very affordable rates at VS Sablan Plaza. Our prime units are leased for 85 cents per square foot, while units facing the parking lots are rented out for only 75 cents per square foot," said sablan.

Enjoy comfortable shopping well within your budget at the indoor bazaar of VS Sablan Plaza in Chalan Piao. It is open Monday to Sunday, from 9am to 9pm. For more information, contact Ben Sablan at 234-2585 or 235-9020.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

The VS Sablan Plaza in Chalan Piao is home to the only indoor bazaar on island, which is open Monday to Sunday, from 9am to 9pm.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ILC CORPORATION dba LADERA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF SAIPAN, et. al
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 11-0092

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an Order issued by this Court on August 29, 2011, in which the undersigned was Ordered to levy, execute and sell, in accordance with law, a parcel of real property, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Fina Sisu Village along side Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below.

Tract 22741, (AH 449), located along side of Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 20,207 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Division of Lands and Survey's Official Drawing/Cadastral Plat. No.2004/76, filed at the Land Registry Saipan as document number 8257 on May 22, 1979.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale: The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendants), will be held on **Friday, October 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.**, at the grounds of Ladera International School of Saipan, Fina Sisu Village, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2011.

/s/ S. Joshua Berger, Auctioneer
Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger
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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROVISION OF ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
RFQ12-GOV-002

702 CIP Project Managers

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Office of Capital Improvement (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architect and engineers to provide project manager services for designated federally funded projects.

The Commonwealth has current needs for project manager services and is anticipating additional requirements during part of 2011 and 2012 fiscal year. Specific project assignments are dependent upon needs of the Commonwealth and may include oversight of: project planning; permitting; design; construction activities; and close-out.

Selected architects and engineers ("Project Managers") will be retained as independent contractors under the general supervision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agent of the expenditure authority on assigned capital projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within: cost; time; and legal requirements; while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one-year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for project manager services will be determined based on the required project management services for each assigned project. The Commonwealth will negotiate with selected Project Managers to determine the required scope of services for assigned responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected to serve as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement Program, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements. A pre-proposal conference is schedule for this RFQ on October 25, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the CIP Office Conference Room, Capitol Hill. All submitted documents must follow submittal requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement& Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. Five copies of qualifications should be submitted to the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 in a sealed envelope marked "Project Manager Qualifications RFQ12-GOV-002."

Qualifications must be received prior to 11AM ChST of November 15, 2011 ("Closing Date") from individuals or firms residing within the Commonwealth. Individuals or firms residing outside the Commonwealth may receive an additional five (5) calendar days from the Closing Date for receipt of their qualifications, upon filing a notice of intent to submit qualifications ("Notice of Intent") with the Division of Procurement & Supply by 11AM ChST November 23, 2011.

Notice of Intent may be transmitted in any of the following forms: direct delivery; transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515; or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com; however, the individual or firm transmitting a Notice of Intent bears all risk of proper functioning of equipment. For proposers located outside the CNMI who have filed a Notice of Intent, all required documents must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service of the foreign country no later than the Closing Date and must be received no later than five calendar days after the Closing Date.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following factors:
1. Past experience as a project manager – 35%
2. References – 30%
3. Interview – 35%

Interviews will be conducted with the individuals who are determined to have the most appropriate qualifications for the needs of the Commonwealth. Architect and engineering firms may submit qualifications, however, they must identify qualifications of specific individuals who are to be considered for the provision of these services and evaluation of qualifications will be based on the experience, references, and interview of the designated individual.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) with local matching funds. Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the government. All submitted documents shall become the property of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

Business

Medicare costs to reduce Social Security increase

WASHINGTON (AP)—That didn't last long. About 55 million Social Security recipients will get their first increase in benefits next year since 2009—a 3.6 percent raise. But higher Medicare premiums could erase a big chunk of it.

For some, higher Medicare Part B premiums could wipe out as much as a fourth of their raise from Social Security, according to projections by the trustees who oversee the programs.

Medicare is expected to announce 2012 Part B premiums as early as next week. The premiums, which cover doctor visits, are deducted automatically from monthly Social Security payments.

The Social Security Administration announced the pay increase Wednesday, offering a measure of comfort to millions of retirees and disabled people, many who have seen their retirement accounts dwindle, home values drop and out-of-pocket medical costs rise in the years since their last raise.

Starting in January, 55 million Social Security recipients will get increases averaging $39 a month, or just over $467 for the year. In December, more than 8 million people who receive Supplemental Security Income, the disability program for the poor, will get increases averaging $18 a month, or about $216 for the year.

In all, 1 in 5 U.S. residents stand to get a raise from the cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA.

Advocates for seniors say the raise is welcome and overdue.

"It may be cold comfort, however, once they see just how high next year's Medicare premiums will go," said Max Richtman, president and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

World Bank chief: Protests reflect anxiety

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—The anti-Wall Street protests that began in New York and have spread across the country and beyond its shores reflect "anxiety," the World Bank chief said Wednesday, though he's more concerned about how financial and economic problems in the United States and Europe affect the developing world.

Speaking to an audience at the University of Michigan, Robert Zoellick described a "fragile situation" as European countries try to work out a broad solution to the continent's deepening debt crisis, and he said the U.S. debt, deficit and lowered credit rating are "big concerns." Still, he said, there is far less margin for error in developing nations, which increasingly are becoming "a motor and engine for the world's growth."

"What I'm most worried about are problems in the developed world that will drag down the developing world and developed world," said Zoellick, president of the Washington-based institution that makes loans and grants to developing countries worldwide. He is a former executive at Goldman Sachs and Fannie Mae and served as a deputy secretary of state under President George W. Bush.

Even as Zoellick questioned the coherence of the Occupy Wall Street movement's message, he said its protests as well as those in Greece aren't being ignored by Asia, Africa and elsewhere.

"There's a disquiet, an anxiety," he said.

He said there remains in the world a feeling "that the U.S. is a special place," but financial and political problems are causing people in developing nations to ask, "Will the U.S. get its act together?"

"It's not only important for the U.S.—it's important for the rest of the world," Zoellick said.

Meanwhile, European countries are working toward a solution ahead of a weekend summit in Brussels. It became clear earlier this year that the initial bailout for Greece was not working as well as had been hoped, and European leaders agreed on a second, $151 billion bailout. But key details of that rescue fund, including the participation of the private sector, remain to be worked out.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FDA cites dirty equipment in cantaloupe outbreak

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pools of water on the floor and old, hard-to-clean equipment at a Colorado farm's cantaloupe-packing facility were probably to blame for the deadliest outbreak of foodborne illness in 25 years, the Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday. Government investigators found positive samples of listeria bacteria on equipment in the Jensen Farms packing facility and on fruit that had been held there. In a six-page assessment of the conditions at the farm based on investigators' visits in September, the FDA said Jensen Farms had recently purchased used equipment that was corroded, dirty and hard to clean. The packing facility floors were also constructed so they were hard to clean, so pools of water potentially harboring the bacteria formed close to the packing equipment.

SKorea, Japan agree to expand currency swap deal

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The leaders of South Korea and Japan agreed Wednesday to expand the size of a currency swap deal and push to resume stalled free trade negotiations, as Tokyo returned looted Korean royal documents in a goodwill gesture. Seoul and Tokyo have close economic ties and are key U.S. allies in Asia, but many older Koreans still harbor deep resentment against Japan over its 35-year colonial occupation of Korea that ended in 1945. Ties suffered this year because of a territorial dispute and differences over the occupation. On Wednesday, the leaders of the two countries agreed in a meeting in Seoul that they would expand the size of their total currency swap arrangements to $70 billion from the current $13 billion as a backstop against global economic turmoil. The measures consists of dollar-local currency and bilateral won-yen arrangements.

China bank regulator says risks under control

SHANGHAI (AP)—China's top banking regulator says the country's lenders have risks under control, despite concerns that massive local debts and ripple effects from failed informal lending schemes threaten the country's financial stability. "We are generally concerned about local government financing loans, real estate loans, shadow banking and other areas of potential risk," Liu Mingkang, chairman of the China Banking Regulatory Commission, said in remarks released Thursday on the CBRC's website. But he added that the government and banking regulators had the foresight to take effective action, saying that "overall risks are controllable."

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 12-NMC-001

MAINTENANCE MANPOWER SERVICES

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Maintenance Manpower Services for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Wednesday (Oct 19th, 2011) between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bid Packages are due no later than 4:00 p.m., November 03, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is available to local businesses for this procurement.

For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho, NMC Procurement Manager
/s/ John D. Guerrero, Administrative Services

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EMILIA VILLAGOMEZ CAMACHO, Deceased	]]]]]]]]	CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0242 **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HER ESTATE.

You are hereby notified that on Nov. 02, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Courtroom 202A, Juan A. Camacho, by and trough his attorney, Jesus C. Borja, will petition the above court for an order directing him, as Administrator, to proceed with the probate of the Estate of Emilia Villagomez Camacho, deceased, and for all other proper orders. All interested parties should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claims against the deceased, or her estate, are hereby required to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this notice, or the claim will be barred, pursuant to Rule 11, Commonwealth Rules of Probate Procedure.

A copy of your claim should also be sent to the law office of Jesus C. Borja at the address below:

JESUS C. BORJA
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 505889
Hagoi Road, Susupe
Saipan, MP 96950-5889

Dated this 29th day of September 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F0122
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ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, **-v-** **The Estate of GREGORIO VILLAGOMEZ DELEON GUERRERO and JACINTA P. GUERRERO,** Defendants.	]]]]]]]]]	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0495** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 13, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: That certain tract or parcel of real property situated in Fina Sisu, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,

Lot H-164-7 A (part of H-164-7), more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a corner which is designed as Corner No.1, having plane rectangular coordinates of 47,750.80 meters North and 50,896.98 meters East on the Mariana Islands Coordinate System of 1996.

Thence North 02° 42' 45" West, 34, 24 meters to corner no. 2; Thence South 77° 45' 51" East, 28,000 meters to corner no. 3; Thence South 02° 20' 27" East, 34.72 meters to corner no. 4; Thence North 76° 44' 18" West, 28.00 meters to corner no.1,

The point beginning:

Containing an areas of 931 square meters, more or less.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 14th day of October, 2011:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Robert Tenorio Torres
Attorney at Law
Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya)
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Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: (670) 234-7859
Facsimile: (670) 234-5749

Attorney for Petitioner/Claimant

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of VICENTE D. MAGOFNA, Deceased.	)))))))	Civil Action No. 11-0241 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION; NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE VICENTE D. MAGOFNA OR OF HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Marianas Public Land Trust ("Petitioner") has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Letters of Administration of the Estate of Vicente D. Magofna, deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Esq., Attorney at Law.

The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration by Petitioner has been set for 2nd day of November, 2011 at 1:30pm, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma'Hustisia, Saipan. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Deceased or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should be sent to ROBERT T. TORRES, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2011.

/s/CLERK OF COURT

Public Notice – Special Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Trustees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, will hold a special meeting at 12:00 noon on Monday, October 24, 2011 at the Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA
Governor's Conference Room, Saipan
October 24, 2011 (Monday) – 12:00 p.m.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call

II. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Adoption of Board of Trustees Bylaws
- B. Selection of staggered terms by lot
- C. Election of Officers
- D. Recommendation of CEO to the Governor

III. MISCELLANEOUS
- A. Next Meeting
- B. Adjournment

Nation

Lions and tigers shot in Ohio; owner freed them

ZANESVILLE, Ohio (AP)—Sheriff's deputies shot nearly 50 wild animals—including 18 rare Bengal tigers and 17 lions—in a big-game hunt across the Ohio countryside Wednesday after the owner of an exotic-animal park threw their cages open and committed suicide in what may have been one last act of spite against his neighbors and police.

As homeowners nervously hid indoors, officers armed with high-powered rifles and shoot-to-kill orders fanned out through fields and woods to hunt down 56 animals that had been turned loose from the Muskingum County Animal Farm by owner Terry Thompson before he shot himself to death Tuesday.

After an all-night hunt that extended into Wednesday afternoon, 48 animals were killed. Six others—three leopards, a grizzly bear and two monkeys—were captured and taken to the Columbus Zoo. A wolf was later found dead, leaving a monkey as the only animal still on the loose.

Those destroyed included six black bears, two grizzlies, a baboon and three mountain lions.

"It's like Noah's Ark wrecking right here in Zanesville, Ohio," lamented Jack Hanna, TV personality and former director of the Columbus Zoo.

Hanna defended the sheriff's decision to kill the animals but said the deaths of the Bengal tigers were especially tragic. There are only about 1,400 of the endangered cats left in the world, he said. "When I heard 18 I was still in disbelief," he said. "The most magnificent creature in the entire world, the tiger is."

As the hunt dragged on outside of Zanesville, population 25,000, schools closed in the mostly rural area of farms and widely spaced homes 55 miles east of Columbus. Parents were warned to keep children and pets indoors. And flashing signs along highways told motorists, "Caution exotic animals" and "Stay in vehicle."

Officers were ordered to kill the animals instead of trying to bring them down with tranquilizers for fear that those hit with darts would escape in the darkness before they dropped and would later regain consciousness. "These animals were on the move, they were showing aggressive behavior," Sheriff Matt Lutz said. "Once the nightfall hit, our biggest concern was having these animals roaming."

AP

In a Tuesday Oct. 18, 2011 photo, a dead lion lays by the fence on Terry Thompson's farm near Zanesville, Ohio.

The sheriff would not speculate why Thompson killed himself and why he left open the cages and fences at his 73-acre preserve, dooming the animals he seemed to love so much.

Thompson, 62, had had repeated run-ins with the law and his neighbors. Lutz said that the sheriff's office had received numerous complaints since 2004 about animals escaping onto neighbors' property. The sheriff's office also said that Thompson had been charged over the years with animal cruelty, animal neglect and allowing animals to roam.

He had gotten out of federal prison just last month after serving a year for possessing unregistered guns.

John Ellenberger, a neighbor, speculated that Thompson freed the animals to get back at neighbors and police. "Nobody much cared for him," Ellenberger said.

Angie McElfresh, who lives in an apartment near the farm and hunkered down with her family in fear, said "it could have been an `f-you' to everybody around him."

Thompson had rescued some of the animals at his preserve and purchased many others, said Columbus Zoo spokeswoman Patty Peters.

It was not immediately clear how Thompson managed to support the preserve and for what purpose it was operated, since it was not open to the public. But Thompson had appeared on the "Rachael Ray Show" in 2008 as an animal handler for a zoologist guest, said show spokeswoman Lauren Nowell.

The sheriff's office started getting calls Tuesday evening that wild animals were loose just west of Zanesville. Deputies went to the animal preserve and found Thompson dead and all the cages open. Several aggressive animals were near his body and had to be shot, the sheriff said.

Sheriff's Deputy Jonathan Merry was among the first to respond Tuesday. He said he shot a number of animals, including a gray wolf and a black bear. He said the bear charged him and he fired his pistol, killing it with one shot when it was about 7 feet away.

"All these animals have the ability to take a human out in the length of a second," said Merry, who called himself an animal lover but said he knew he was protecting the community.

"What a tragedy," said Barb Wolfe, a veterinarian with The Wilds, a nearby zoo-sponsored wild animal preserve. She said she managed to hit a tiger with a tranquilizer dart, but the animal charged toward her and then turned and began to flee before the drug could take effect, and deputies shot the big cat.

At an afternoon news conference, the sheriff said that the danger had passed and that people could move around freely again, but that the monkey would probably be shot because it was believed to be carrying a herpes disease.

"It was like a war zone with all the shooting and so forth with the animals," said Sam Kopchak, who was outside Tuesday afternoon when he saw Thompson's horses acting up. Kopchak said he turned and saw a male lion lying down on the other side of a fence.

GOP primary contest is getting nasty, personal

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Talk about nasty.

The bitter, face-to-face sniping at this week's Republican debate was just a prelude to the coming weeks as Mitt Romney's rivals seek to tear him down before the leadoff Iowa caucuses.

Increasingly on the defensive, Romney is being hammered on old issues—like an accusation of hiring illegal immigrants to work on his yard—and is creating new openings for everyone from Rick Perry to President Barack Obama.

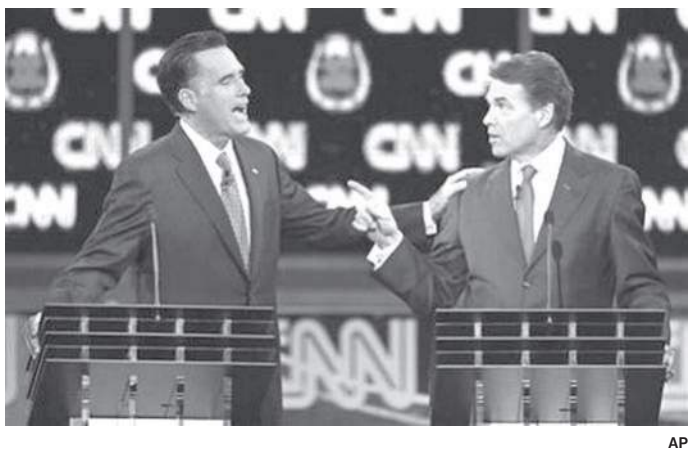
"You won't hear a lot of shape-shifting nuance from me," Perry told Republicans gathered in Las Vegas on Wednesday, hitting Romney anew the day after the two sparred onstage during a debate. "I'm going to give the American people a huge, big old helping of unbridled truth."

The target was Romney, who over the years has reversed his positions on a series of issues that conservatives champion. And the sharper, more personal tone seems sure to shape the campaign in the next month as Perry looks to undercut the former Massachusetts governor's standing at the head of the pack.

Obama's team, too, wasted little time in going after Romney in personal terms.

"The core principle driving Mitt Romney? Getting elected," Obama campaign manager Jim Messina told reporters in a conference call.

Appearing unruffled at the attacks, Romney kept his focus on Obama and the economy on Wednesday, saying: "He should be less concerned about keeping his own job and spend more time helping the millions who are unemployed."



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In this Oct. 18, 2011 file photo, Republican presidential candidates, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, left, and Texas Gov. Rick Perry, speak during a Republican presidential debate in Las Vegas.

But more criticism against Romney is certain to come from fellow Republicans as the race for the GOP nomination enters a new phase and the 2012 general election inches closer.

For now, Romney tops state surveys and national polls, including the latest Associated Press-GfK survey, in the GOP campaign. Perry's and Romney's other rivals have mere weeks to change that dynamic before the Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3.

After five debates since Labor Day, the candidates won't meet again in that setting until mid-November. So they'll be mixing it up mostly from afar—on the campaign trail, on the Internet and, soon, in television advertising by the candidates themselves as well as by Super PACs that are working on their behalf and can spend as much money as they raise.

The candidates will cross paths at a dinner in Iowa this weekend where they will try to court cultural conservatives who haven't yet rallied behind a single contender. It's a prime setting for candidates like Perry, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, businessman Herman Cain and others looking to emerge as the alternative to Romney. Iowa conservatives have long viewed Romney skeptically for his reversals on abortion rights and gay rights, and they have viewed his Mormon faith warily.

Perry also will give an economic speech on Tuesday in South Carolina. Romney contends his business background makes him the strongest Republican in the field able to take on Obama on the economy, and Perry needs to counter that.

ACROSS THE NATION

Insanity plea possible in fetal-abduction case

MILWAUKEE (AP)—A Milwaukee woman accused of killing a pregnant woman and cutting out her full-term fetus in the hopes of raising the child as her own might plead insanity, one of her lawyers said. Annette Morales-Rodriguez, who is charged with two counts of first-degree intentional homicide, sat stoically in a wheelchair during a pretrial hearing on Wednesday while an interpreter relayed in Spanish what was happening. A court commissioner bound her over for trial and maintained her $1 million bail. She's scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 2. After the hearing, one of her three lawyers, Robert D'Arruda, said the defense would be scrutinizing the investigation into the Oct. 6 slaying of 23-year-old Maritza Ramirez-Cruz and her fetus, and that they would consider using an insanity defense.

2 more teens under protection in Pa. basement case

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Police took two more children into protective custody Wednesday, another step in an intense investigation of four people accused of locking disabled adults in a squalid basement as part of a Social Security fraud scheme. The case could be among the first of its kind prosecuted as a federal hate crime, according to a law-enforcement official who was not authorized to discuss the case publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The 2009 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act is named for two victims of notorious hate-based killings and expands earlier federal hate crimes law to include sexual orientation or disability, among other things.

Police comb Kansas City home, yard of missing baby

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—One of the most aggressive police searches yet of the home where a Kansas City infant went missing more than two weeks ago drew officers Wednesday armed with shovels, rakes and other tools who hauled off bags that appeared to be full of potential evidence. Police refused to say what they found inside or outside the home belonging to Jeremy Irwin and Deborah Bradley, who say an intruder snatched their baby daughter, Lisa, from her crib in the middle of the night as the mother and two other boys slept. From shortly after sunrise through late afternoon, FBI agents and police officers joined in the search that began after a judge issued a warrant that prevented the parents from returning to the house while it was under way.

Asia

6 more Filipino soldiers found dead after clash

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops have recovered the bodies of six more soldiers following fierce fighting with the country's largest Muslim rebel group that has sent both sides scrambling to stop the violence from further damaging shaky peace talks.

Tuesday's fighting on southern Basilan island between army special forces and members of the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front killed at least 25 combatants.

One soldier reported missing was rescued late Wednesday and another was found early Thursday in the sea near the scene of the fighting, swimming toward a military detachment, army spokesman Col. Antonio Parlade said.

The bodies of the six soldiers were recovered Wednesday. The bodies bore hack wounds, indicating they were captured and then killed, Parlade said.

The battle was one of the deadliest since 2008, when peace talks bogged down and ignited widespread clashes that killed hundreds and displaced 750,000 people.

The rebels have waged a bloody insurgency for self-rule in the southern Mindanao region, the homeland of minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines. The conflict has killed more than 120,000 people in nearly four decades.

Since the clashes in 2008, a Malaysia-led peacekeeping contingent has kept watch to prevent further battles and keep the atmosphere ripe for peace talks.

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A soldier carries a wounded trooper from Basilan province as they land at the southern port city of Zamboanga, Philippines Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011.

The military and the guerrillas blamed each other for starting Tuesday's clash and planned to protest before a joint government-rebel cease-fire committee. Government negotiator Marvic Leonen said that the clash was accidental and that peace talks would continue.

The military initially reported 13 soldiers were killed and 13 others wounded. Troops found six more bodies near the battle scene in remote Al-Barka town, bringing the military death toll in the clash to 19, said regional military commander Lt. Gen. Raymundo Ferrer.

President Benigno Aquino III called a meeting with the defense chief and military officials for Friday to discuss the military setback.

Rebel spokesman Von Al Haq said five rebels were slain Tuesday. Police reported six rebels were killed.

Cabangbang said Wednesday that the clashes had stopped and that the military had asked the joint government-rebel cease-fire committee to allow them to search for the missing soldiers in the Moro rebels' Al-Barka stronghold.

Al Haq, however, said rebels from his group have reported they are not holding any captives. Several army soldiers apparently fled during the clash into nearby communities and some were shot as they ran away, he said.

"Our men have been ordered not to advance or attack unless they come under attack," Al Haq said. "Hopefully we can diffuse this with the other side."

Malaysian-led peacekeepers are trying to pacify both sides, Al Haq said.

It was not immediately clear if al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militants, known for beheading soldiers, got involved in Tuesday's clashes. The militants are active in Basilan, a predominantly Muslim island about 550 miles (880 kilometers) south of Manila, and some are relatives of the Moro rebels.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines apologizes to China over sea accident

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—An official says the Philippine navy has apologized to China for accidentally ramming one of its fishing boats near the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. Defense Department spokesman Zosimo Paredes said Wednesday the navy has informed the Chinese Embassy of the incident and apologized for it. He said a navy ship on Tuesday spotted a Chinese fishing vessel encroaching on Philippine waters near Reed Bank, which the Philippines claims is within its waters. The vessel was towing about 35 smaller boats. When the navy ship went to investigate, a problem with its steering mechanism caused it to become entangled with one of the smaller boats.

Bali bombing suspect re-enacts alleged crime

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—An Indonesian militant accused of making the explosives used in the 2002 Bali bombings is back on the resort island to re-enact his alleged crime for authorities. Umar Patek showed investigators Thursday how he allegedly mixed the chemicals used for Southeast Asia's deadliest terror attack. Many of the 202 people killed were foreign tourists, crammed into two popular nightclubs. Patek was captured in Pakistan on Jan. 25 and will stand trial in Indonesia. A trial date has not been announced. Patek has admitted taking part in the bombings but has said his role has been exaggerated. Re-enactments are a common feature of Indonesian criminal investigations.

Dalai Lama prays for Tibetans who self-immolated

DHARMSALA, India (AP)—The Dalai Lama fasted and led prayers Wednesday to honor nine Tibetans who set themselves on fire in protest against Chinese rule, while Beijing criticized the Tibetan spiritual leader's support as inciting "terrorism in disguise." The 90-minute-long service at the Dalai Lama's Tsuglakhang Temple, in the northern Indian town where he lives in exile, focused on the monks, former monks and a nun who have self-immolated since March in a restive Tibetan area of western China that has been under martial law-type police controls. Aged in their late teens and twenties, at least five died of their injuries, while the condition of the other four is not known.

Thailand flooding could affect PC supplies, prices

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The personal computer industry, already reeling from depressed demand, has been dealt another setback: Massive flooding in Thailand has curtailed production of a critical component—computer storage drives. Factories producing a third of the country's hard drives have temporarily closed as flooding has gradually spread since August. Prices have spiked, and Apple warned that its Mac products will likely be affected. Computer manufacturers, the companies that supply hard drives and the makers of components for those drives are all bracing for troubles. What's not yet clear is what extent PC production lines will be affected and whether PC makers will absorb costs or pass them along to consumers.

Japan pushing Okinawa ahead of Panetta visit

TOKYO (AP)—Japan is stepping up efforts ahead of new U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's visit next week to break a stalemate over the relocation of a Marine base that has stalled the restructuring of U.S. military forces in Asia. Moving the base is an essential step in Washington's big-picture plan to reposition about 8,000 Marines from the southern Japanese island of Okinawa to the tiny U.S. Pacific territory of Guam, which is set to become a crucial regional hub for the U.S. Marines, Air Force and Navy.

Panetta

Senior Japanese leaders have held repeated meetings in recent weeks with top politicians on Okinawa to seek their cooperation in moving the base—Marine Corps Air Station Futenma—to a less-crowded area of the island.

Japan is hoping to compile an environmental impact assessment by the end of the year.

But after a meeting with Foreign Minister Koichiro Genba on Wednesday, the mayor of the proposed relocation site angrily rebuffed Tokyo's pleas for support, saying there was "absolutely no room for negotiation."

Okinawa's governor, who must sign off on the plan for it to be implemented, suggested other options be pursued and told Genba it will not work unless the Okinawans support it.

The standoff has long been a sore point in Japan's otherwise strong military alliance with the United States.

Though they welcome the transfer of Marines to Guam, Okinawan leaders do not support the construction of a replacement facility within their prefecture (state). They say Okinawa already bears too much of a hosting burden and instead want Futenma closed and its successor built elsewhere in Japan or moved overseas.

Setting the tone for the Panetta trip, U.S. Senator Jim Webb—an outspoken critic of the current plan—said the issue should not be allowed to fester.

"Our failure to resolve the issue of American bases on Okinawa has resulted in a volatile political debate in Japan, the implications of which should not be underestimated by American leaders," he said in a letter to Panetta released by his office.

Webb, who is chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said "it is in our national interest that this matter be resolved both quickly and smartly."

Washington is Tokyo's most important ally, and Japan has agreed to contribute several billion dollars to pay for the move.

Japan hosts about 50,000 U.S. troops under a post-World War II mutual security pact and relies heavily on the U.S. forces to counterbalance potential threats from China, Russia and North Korea.

But more than half of the troops are concentrated on Okinawa. About one-fifth of the island is taken up by U.S. bases.

Local opposition to the bases is strong because of concerns over crowding, safety and troop-related crime. Okinawans are also wary of the military presence because of their bitter memories of World War II.

Futenma is seen by many as a symbol of the problems caused by the bases. The plan to close Futenma, which is in a particularly crowded area, came up after the rape of an Okinawan schoolgirl by three servicemen caused a huge uproar on the island in 1995.

World

Libyan PM says Gadhafi trying to recruit fighters

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libya's acting prime minister said Wednesday that ousted leader Moammar Gadhafi is believed to be recruiting fighters from other African countries and preparing for a possible insurgency, hoping to destabilize Libya's new regime.

The comments by Mahmoud Jibril reflected fears that Gadhafi will be able to use friendly relations with neighboring countries cultivated during his more than four decades in power to help him launch a bid to return to power.

"Reports have shown that 68 vehicles with at least eight fighters each crossed the Libyan borders to Mali and Gadhafi is hiding in the southern desert," Jibril told reporters.

He said Gadhafi had made a deal with the Hamada tribe, which roams the borders between Chad, Sudan and Libya, to provide 12,000 fighters "to enter Libya and start the fight."

Suggesting that the U.S. also was concerned about the possibility, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said during a visit to Tripoli Tuesday that she hoped Gadhafi would be captured or killed.

Gadhafi loyalists already have put up fierce resistance in several areas, preventing Libya's new leaders from declaring full victory nearly two months after revolutionary forces seized Tripoli and have seized many other parts of the oil-rich North African nation.

Revolutionary fighters gained control of one stronghold, Bani Walid, this week. In the other loyalist bastion of Sirte, anti-Gadhafi commanders said they have squeezed Gadhafi's forces into a residential area of about 700 square meters but were still coming under heavy fire from surrounding buildings. Deputy defense minister Fawzi Abu Katif told The Associated Press that authorities still believe Gadhafi's son Muatassim is among the ex-regime figures holed up in the diminishing area.

It took the anti-Gadhafi fighters, who also faced disorganization in their own ranks, two days to capture a single residential building.

It is unclear whether Gadhafi loyalists who have escaped might continue the fight and attempt to organize an insurgency using the vast amount of weapons Gadhafi was believed to have stored in hideouts in the remote southern desert.

Unlike Iraq's Saddam Hussein, Gadhafi had no well-organized political party that could form the basis of an insurgent leadership. However, regional and ethnic differences have already appeared among the ranks of the revolutionaries, possibly laying the foundation for civil strife.

Gadhafi has issued several audio recordings trying to rally supporters. Jibril and other Libyan officials have said they believe he's hiding somewhere in the vast southwestern desert near the borders with Niger and Algeria.

Jibril also addressed concerns about a rise in revenge attacks and lawlessness as thousands of young men with weapons have found themselves unemployed after waging months of brutal fighting.

He said authorities were considering plans to give them the option of joining private security companies that will be given priority for securing the borders, oil fields and public institutions, or the national army.

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A revolutionary fighter searches a destroyed house for Gadhafi loyalists in downtown Sirte, Libya, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011.

Syria holds former VP incommunicado, daughter says

ALEY, Lebanon (AP)—A former Syrian vice president who became one of the country's most prominent dissidents was kidnapped in Lebanon five months ago while visiting his daughter and is believed to be secretly imprisoned by the Syrian regime as it tries to crush a 7-month-old uprising, his daughter and Lebanese police said.

The abduction of Shibli al-Aisamy, an 88-year-old who holds permanent U.S. residency, has raised alarm among some in Lebanon that members of the country's security forces are helping Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime in its crackdown on anti-government protesters, effectively extending it into Lebanon to prevent it from becoming a safe haven for the Syrian opposition.

"The kidnapping is very surprising," al-Aisamy's daughter, Rajaa Sharafeddine, told The Associated Press this week while choking back tears. Sharafeddine, who is in her 50s and married to a Lebanese, decided to speak to the media out of concern that her elderly father's health is deteriorating. She said details of the case are only coming to light now because police briefed her and parliament's Human Rights Committee on the investigation last week.

Syria had direct control over Lebanon for nearly 30 years before pulling out its troops in 2005 under local and international pressure. But Syria still has great influence, and pro-Syrian factions led by the militant group Hezbollah dominate the government in Beirut. At the same time, Syria's regime is becoming increasingly more isolated internationally.

The case illuminates the long arm of Syria's pervasive security services, which are the backbone of the regime and the driving force behind the culture of fear and paranoia in Syria.

It also highlights the lingering ties that bind Syria and Lebanon.

Lebanese security forces and the Syrian embassy in Beirut are suspected of being involved in the abduction, working at the behest of Syrian authorities, according to Lebanese officials, including anti-Syrian lawmaker Sami Gemayel and police investigators.

Syria's ambassador to Lebanon, Ali Abdul-Karim Ali, denied the embassy was involved.

The kidnapping is one of at least two recent cases in which Lebanese security forces are suspected of handing over Syrian dissidents to authorities in Damascus.

There also have been reports of Syrian troops crossing into Lebanon to pursue dissidents. Last month, the Lebanese army said in a statement that Syrian troops briefly crossed the border and opened fire at people trying to flee the violence in Syria.

More than 5,000 Syrians have fled to Lebanon since the crisis began.

Gemayel, a member of parliament's Human Rights Committee, said police confirmed to the panel last week that Lebanese forces have abducted dissidents on behalf of the Syrian regime.

"Lebanese security officers working at the Syrian embassy kidnapped Syrian citizens while using police cars," Gemayel said. "There should be no diplomatic immunity when a crime is committed on Lebanese territories."

Prisoner swap reshapes Hamas-Egypt-Israel ties

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—The release of an Israeli soldier by Hamas as part of a prisoner exchange with Israel is reshaping complex regional ties, mostly in favor of Gaza's once isolated Islamic militant rulers.

The swap, mediated by Egypt, has strengthened Hamas' bond with the regional powerhouse next door and removed a major irritant from its fraught relationship with Israel.

Trading Sgt. Gilad Schalit for 1,027 Palestinians held by Israel also boosted Hamas' flagging popularity at home, at the expense of its main domestic rival, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who was forced to watch from the sidelines.

It's not clear whether any of this will last, especially if Hamas acts on threats to capture more Israeli soldiers in an attempt to free 4,300 Palestinians still in Israeli prisons. And a fickle Palestinian public could quickly forget about the swap; only a month ago, it cheered Abbas for bypassing talks with Israel to seek U.N. recognition for a state of Palestine.

For now, though, Hamas is riding high.

Hamas leaders portrayed the swap, the most lopsided in Israel's history, as a victory for the movement's hard-line ideology. Israel only understands the language of force, they said in a jab at Abbas, who until recently had put his faith in negotiations, with little to show for it.

In the euphoria over Tuesday's homecoming of the first group of 477 inmates, including more than 280 serving life sentences, criticism of the deal was muted. Still, the Islamists made concessions they previously rejected, including that key militant leaders remain behind bars and that dozens of West Bankers be deported to Gaza or sent into exile.

Gaza's 1.5 million people have paid a steep price for Schalit's 2006 capture just outside their territory.

Schalit's incarceration was a key reason for the ongoing border blockade imposed by Israel. In the month following his capture, Israeli military raids killed more than 200 Palestinians. Hamas' refusal to free Schalit also played a role, along with rocket fire from Gaza, in Israel's decision to wage a three-week war nearly three years ago, killing hundreds of Gazans and destroying thousands of homes. The closure devastated the economy and drove thousands more deeper into poverty.

However, some now say it was a price worth paying, and tens of thousands showed up for homecoming celebrations Tuesday—signs of renewed support for the Islamists who had seen their popularity erode over their heavy-handed rule and Gaza's ongoing isolation.

"What we suffered in five years—we forgot it yesterday," said Gaza farmer Nabil Abu Namus, 43, referring to the swap. Abu Namus said he lost seven members of his clan in different bouts of fighting and his four-story family home was razed in the Gaza war.

Beyond the popularity at home, the swap has deepened Hamas' relationship with Egypt, its most important ally.

WORLD BRIEFS

Greece: Riots as austerity steps get 1st approval

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Hundreds of youths smashed and looted stores in central Athens and clashed with riot police during a massive anti-government rally against painful new austerity measures that won initial parliamentary approval in a vote Wednesday night. The rioting came on the first day of a 48-hour nationwide general strike that brought services in much of Greece to a standstill, grounding flights for hours, leaving ferries tied up in port and shutting down customs offices, stores and banks. More than 100,000 people took to the streets of the Greek capital to demonstrate against the austerity bill, which includes new tax hikes, further pension and salary cuts, the suspension on reduced pay of 30,000 public servants and the suspension of collective labor contracts.

Archaeologists find Viking burial site in Scotland

LONDON (AP)—Archaeologists said Tuesday they have discovered the remains of a Viking chief buried with his boat, ax, sword and spear on a remote Scottish peninsula—one of the most significant Norse finds ever uncovered in Britain. The 16-foot-long (5-meter-long) grave is the first intact site of its kind to have been discovered on mainland Britain and is believed to be more than 1,000 years old. Much of the wooden boat and the Viking bones have rotted away, but scraps of wood and hundreds of metal rivets that held the vessel together remain. The archeologists also unearthed a shield boss—a circular piece of metal attached to the middle of a shield—and a bronze ring-pin buried with the Viking. They also found a knife, a whetstone to sharpen tools, and Viking pottery on the site on the Ardnamurchan peninsula on Scotland's west coast.

Reports: French first lady gives birth to girl

PARIS (AP)—French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy gave birth to a baby girl on Wednesday night—the first infant born to a sitting president of modern-day France, according to media reports. President Nicolas Sarkozy was returning from a meeting in Frankfurt on the euro debt crisis when the child was born around 8 p.m. (1800 GMT) on Wednesday, according to BFM TV. Europe 1 radio said the birth "went well" for the 43-year-old mother, a singer and former supermodel. She entered the small, private Muette Clinic in late morning, according to the reports. The presidential palace did not immediately confirm the reports. The presidential entourage reiterated earlier Wednesday that no birth announcement would be forthcoming.

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Letter 'G' goes missin at Scrabble championship

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Two competitors at the World Scrabble Championships were asked to empty their pockets when a letter "G" went missing. An official said Tuesday that the disappearance of a "G" tile occurred during the international event, which was held in the Polish capital from Oct. 12-16. Brian Dede, the event coordinator, said a referee had to intervene when opponents Edward Martin from Britain and Chollapat Itthi-Aree from Thailand noticed a missing tile during the last draw of their match. He said that led to a search on and under the table, and that both players "were asked to show the contents of their pockets." The missing letter was nowhere to be found, so the referee added another "G" to the letters to create a complete set.

Swedish bird catcher convicted of animal cruelty

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A Swedish man who captured 13,000 wild birds and kept hundreds of them locked up in his home has been convicted of animal cruelty and illegal hunting and sentenced to a year and a half in prison. The Hudiksvall district court says 39-year-old Pierre Johansson used illegal nets and traps to capture the birds, including owls, falcons, hawks, sparrows, pheasants and woodpeckers. After documenting his catch, he released most of them but the court said Monday that Johansson also kept hundreds of birds locked up in cages in his garage and a hen house on his property. Johansson claims he wanted to give the birds shelter during the winter and never intended to harm them.

Brothers charged with stealing western Pa. bridge

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (AP)—Two brothers have been charged with stealing a western Pennsylvania bridge and selling the 15 1/2 tons of scrap metal for more than $5,000. Police say 24-year-old Benjamin Arthur Jones and 25-year-old Alexander Williams Jones of New Castle used a blowtorch to break up the bridge in late September or early October. They face felony charges of criminal mischief, theft, receiving stolen property and conspiracy. Authorities say Alexander Jones told a recycling company employee that he had permission to carve the bridge for scrap and showed the employee cellphone photos of the bridge. The recycling company called police. The 50-foot-long by 20-foot-wide Covert's Crossing Bridge was in a wooded area about 60 miles north of Pittsburgh.

Animal shelter calls mechanic for cat stuck in van

HILLIARD, Ohio (AP)—A mechanic was the one doing the surgery at an Ohio animal facility when a woman drove in with a cat stuck behind her minivan's dashboard. WBNS-TV reports the mechanic had to take apart the dash during a three-hour rescue operation Thursday in the Columbus suburb of Hilliard. Driver Nehal Dhruve says she hit the cat with her van and decided to take it to the local humane society. The brown and black cat wouldn't stay on the van's seat but instead hopped down and climbed up under the dashboard. Mechanic Daryl McKay cut his hands trying to free the feline, so an animal control staffer with smaller hands took over and pulled it out. Dhruve says she now wants to adopt the cat.

Hawk with nail in head seen in SF park

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A wildlife rescue group spent a third day in a San Francisco park trying to capture and rescue a red-tailed hawk that appears to have been shot in the head with a nail gun.

A rescuer spotted the bird Wednesday afternoon in one of its usual haunts in Golden Gate Park's southwest corner, where it had captured and was eating a gopher.

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In this photo provided by WildRescue, a red-tailed hawk is seen with a nail in its head at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011.

"We know he's gotten some nourishment, which is good because we know he's in a weakened state," said Rebecca Dmytryk, executive director of the Monterey-based group WildRescue.

At the same time, rescuers will have a harder time luring the hawk into their traps if it's been eating, she said. "We need him hungry."

Observers patrolling an area frequented by the hawk between a ball field and a lake got close enough to the bird to see the nail extending from its cheek through the front of its head. They said the hawk appeared to be in pain.

WildRescue was notified of the injured bird Sunday night.

It started scouring the park the following day, looking for signs of the hawk and setting traps. Rescuers are using traps rather than nets to capture the bird because they fear the nail could get caught on a net and further injure it.

"It's very time-consuming trying to find it," Dmytryk said. The bird was likely born in the park to parents who still live in the area, she said.

Rescuers believe someone intentionally hurt the hawk, saying a nail gun can be fired accurately at a distance of several yards.

A donor pledged an additional $5,000 to WildRescue's reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whomever harmed the bird, bringing the total reward to $10,000.

Red-tailed hawks are protected under federal law and harming one is punishable by up to six months in jail and a $15,000 fine, according to Elise Traub, outreach and policy manager for the Humane Society of the United States' Wildlife Abuse Campaign.

Traub spoke to the *San Francisco Examiner.*

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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From the family of the late †Francisco C. & †Raimunda Tudela Palacios
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Science & Technology

Find a way around tablets' lack of USB ports

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: The generally efficient Apple iPad has for many users a serious deficiency: There is no easy way to print important content. I try to overcome this by forwarding the material to a computer with printing capabilities, which is cumbersome, to say the least. Are there any devices or workarounds available to fix this problem?—Lawrence Fishman, Miami

ANSWER: The lack of USB ports on many tablet computers is a major flaw. Why spend several hundred dollars for a PC and still not be able to easily connect it to a printer, flash drive or card reader?

The key phase is "easily connect." You can buy separate USB adapters that allow you to connect some tablet computers to external devices, such as printers. There are external USB adapters for the iPad (http://www.tinyurl.com/3hqsrbv), Samsung Galaxy Tab (http://www.tinyurl.com/3pb9wfg) and Motorola Xoom (has a micro USB port, but for an adapter for standard USB see http://www.tinyurl.com/3pygx3v.)

A few tablets, such as the Lenovo ThinkPad, include a standard USB port.

I suspect some tablet makers are keeping it hard to connect to local storage devices in order to sell online storage capacity that's "in the cloud." There's iCloud for Apple, and Box.net for Motorola.

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Q: I like to play games at Pogo.com on my new desktop PC. But a month ago, a few of the games started to freeze up and I continually got Java-related errors. I followed the instructions to make sure Java was installed correctly, and I emptied the "caches" of old information as I was told. Now I'm being told it will take $60 to fix the problem on my PC. Should I pay it?—Fred Robertson, Sunrise, Fla.

ANSWER: No, don't pay for the privilege of playing free Pogo games. The problem isn't your computer, but rather the Internet Explorer browser that comes with Windows. You can fix it yourself or get a different browser.

Several versions of Microsoft's Internet Explorer have had problems with a Web browser plug-in for the Java computer language, which is used by Pogo.com games.

Microsoft offers two websites to help you fix the problems, http://www.tinyurl.com/koqoh ("How to troubleshoot script errors in Internet Explorer on Windows-based computers") and http://www.tinyurl.com/yb5mh8 ("How to reset Internet Explorer settings"). If you don't want to wade through the instructions, both sites have "fix it" buttons that will make the changes for you.

Alternatively, you could try playing Pogo games using a different free Web browser, such as Mozilla FireFox or Google Chrome. You can download Firefox at http://www.tinyurl.com/3hlp65m or Chrome at http://www.tinyurl.com/6mvtcq.

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"Masao"

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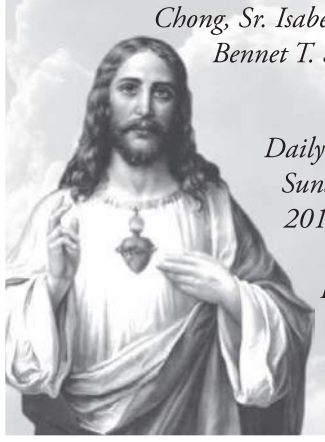
His siblings and spouses: Jose and Isabel Seman, Ines S. Ada, Victorino and Esther Chong, Sr. Isabel T. Seman, MMB, Jacoba T. Seman, Catalina T. Seman, Bennet T. Seman, Danny and Remy Buniag, Edward Elameto, and Jose and Geraldine Mafnas.



Daily Mass is being offered at 6 am at San Jose Church. The Sunday Mass will be at 7:30 am. On Tuesday, October 25, 2011, his remains will arrive at San Jose Church at 8:15 am. Responso and Rosary will follow. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 am. Interment will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

In Loving Memory of Our Dearly Beloved

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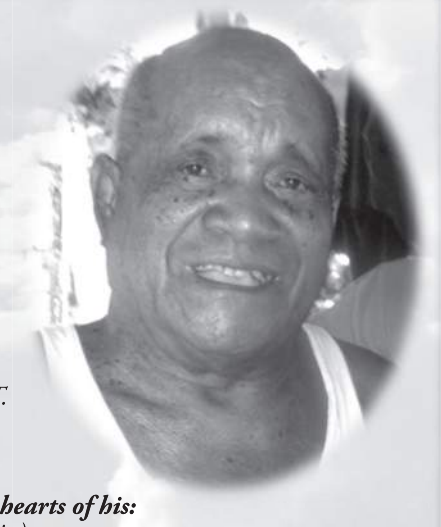

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Brothers and Sister: *Akiuo Secharmidal, Dr. T. Robert, Caleb Ngiralulk, Idesou Ngiralulk, Elizabeth Ngiralulk, Joshua Ngiralulk*

His Love & Memories will forever remain in the hearts of his:
Children: ***Lorry*** *Mechaet (Mindy, Windy, Justin)*
Gary Mengeolt *(Mengeolt)*
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Nightly Prayers fellowship will be held at Fina Sisu Residence from October 19-21, at 7:30 PM.

On Saturday, October 22nd, Viewing will be at 7:30 AM at the Hospital Chapel followed by Funeral Service. At 10:30 AM, his remains will be escorted from the Hospital to Tanapag Cemetery.

Late lunch will be shared at Fina Sisu Resident right after burial.

Your presence & prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You so much, Kom Kmal Mesaul, Kamagar Gad, Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase'

The Family

Life & Style

Judge revokes Lindsay Lohan's probation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan sported a new accessory Wednesday after a judge revoked her probation: Handcuffs. The actress was taken into custody after Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner revoked her probation because she was ousted from a community service assignment at a women's shelter.

"There has been violation after violation," Sautner said.

Bail was set at $100,000. Lohan's spokesman Steve Honig said it was immediately posted and the actress was later released from Airport Courthouse.

"We're dealing with someone on probation," said Lohan's attorney, Shawn Holley. "Most people on probation don't always do things perfectly."

A city prosecutor recommended jail time, but Sautner set a Nov. 2 hearing to decide whether Lohan should serve another stint behind bars, where she has been sent four previous times only to be released early due to jail overcrowding.

"If jail meant something in the state of California now, maybe I'd put her in jail," Sautner said.

The development marked the latest legal problem for the 25-year-old Lohan, who was given probation for a 2007 drunken driving case and a misdemeanor theft case this year.

"Lindsay is hoping this matter will be resolved on Nov. 2 and the court will reinstate probation and allow her to continue fulfilling her community service," Honig said.

AP

Lindsay Lohan, right, alongside her attorney Shawn Chapman Holley, is shown before being taken into custody by Los Angeles County sheriffs deputies after a judge found her in violation of probation Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in Los Angeles.

Lohan had been ordered in April to serve 360 hours at the Downtown Women's Center, an agency that helps homeless women. Nine of Lohan's appointments at the center were "just blown off" and she "showed up once and left after an hour," Sautner said.

Lohan has since started serving hours with the American Red Cross, but Sautner said that would not count because it was not part of her sentence.

During the tense proceedings, Sautner hammered Lohan for failing to show up for her four-hour appointments at the women's center and for taking six months to complete a court-ordered Shoplifters Anonymous course. The judge also questioned how Lohan could have complied with her court-ordered weekly psychological counseling when she was traveling in Europe from Sept. 9 to Oct. 5.

"I don't know how she did that in person every week," said Sautner, who suggested Lohan complete a minimum of 16 hours of her community service at the county morgue before the Nov. 2 hearing, when Lohan's probation officer and other officials will testify about her efforts to complete her sentence.

Lohan, aside from a role in last year's film "Machete," has seen her acting career evaporate in recent years. She has been in perpetual trouble since May 2010.

Another judge determined she violated her probation in the drunken driving case and sentenced her to jail and rehab. She faltered after being released early from a rehab facility early and was sent to the Betty Ford Center, where she got in an altercation with a rehab worker who later sued.

Within weeks of her release from Betty Ford, Lohan was accused of taking a $2,500 necklace without permission from an upscale jewelry store near her home in the Venice neighborhood of Los Angeles.

Sautner determined the January incident constituted a probation violation, and Lohan was ordered to undergo psychological counseling and perform 480 hours of community service, with 120 hours to be spent at the morgue.

Lohan later pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge in the theft case and served 35 days of a four-month sentenced on house arrest.

Witness: Jackson doctor caused singer's death

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A medical expert looked jurors in the eyes Wednesday and told them that Michael Jackson's doctor committed 17 flagrant violations of the standard of care for his famous patient and was directly responsible for the death of the King of Pop.

Dr. Steven Shafer at one point called the defendant, Dr. Conrad Murray, "clueless" when it came to using the powerful anesthetic propofol and said he didn't know what to do when Jackson stopped breathing.

Prosecutor David Walgren concluded the day's questioning by asking Shafer: "Would it be your opinion that Conrad Murray is directly responsible for the death of Michael Jackson for his egregious violations and abandonment of Michael Jackson?"

Shafer replied, "Absolutely."

Just giving Jackson the anesthetic as a sleep aid was unconscionable, Shafer testified earlier.

"We are in pharmacological never-never land here, something that was done to Michael Jackson and no one else in history to my knowledge," he told jurors.

When Murray found Jackson not breathing, there was nothing more important than calling 911, Shafer said.

Asked about Murray's failure to do so, the witness caught his breath and said, "I almost don't know what to say. That is so completely and utterly inexcusable."

In addition, Murray was acting more like Jackson's employee than a physician who should have rejected the singer's requests for propofol as a sleep aid, Shafer said.

"Saying yes is not what doctors do," he testified. "A competent doctor would know you do not do this."

He added, "If a patient requests something frivolous or dangerous, it is the doctor's responsibility to say no."

The Columbia University professor and researcher gave jurors a crash course on propofol, an anesthetic used in hospital settings.

A video shown to jurors detailed numerous safety measures that were not employed by Murray when he administered the drug to Jackson as a sleep aid at the singer's home, according to testimony.

"The worst disasters occur in sedation and they occur when people cut corners," Shafer said. In Jackson's case, "virtually none of the safeguards were in place," he added.

Keaton was Woody's 'endearing oaf'

NEW YORK (AP)—She would know: Going out with Woody Allen was like being in a Woody Allen movie, Diane Keaton writes in an upcoming memoir.

The Academy Award-winning actress starred with Allen in such favorites as "Sleeper" and "Love and Death" and got an Oscar for "Annie Hall," in which her baggy-panted WASP meshed unforgettably with Allen's patented schlemiel. Allen and Keaton dated for a few years and remain close.

"I was his endearing oaf. I had him pegged as a cross between a `White Thing' and the cockroach you couldn't kill," Keaton, 65, writes in "Then Again," which comes out next month and is excerpted in the November issue of Vogue, arriving at newsstands Oct 25.

"We shared a love of torturing each other with our failures. His insights into my character were dead-on and hilarious. This bond remains the core of our friendship and, for me, love."

Keaton writes that she met Allen in 1968 when they worked together in Allen's stage comedy "Play It Again, Sam," roles they re-enacted for the 1972 film version. Allen is the divorced neurotic who channels the spirit of Humphrey Bogart to help with his love life. The actress falls for him in the script and soon did the same in real life.

"How could I not? I was in love with him before I knew him. He was Woody Allen. Our entire family used to gather around the TV set and watch him on Johnny Carson. He was so hip, with his thick glasses and cool suits," she writes. "But it was his manner that got me, his way of gesturing, his hands, his coughing and looking down in a self-deprecating way while he told jokes like `I couldn't get a date for New Year's Eve so I went home and I jumped naked into a vat of Roosevelt dimes.'

"He was even better-looking in real life. He had a great body, and he was physically very graceful."

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The Three Musketeers

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Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Mon thru Thurs		4:10	7:10	

Logan Lerman, Milla Jovovich
Adventure • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
The Three Musketeers ride again in this three-dimensional revamp from Impact Pictures and writer/producer Paul W.S. Anderson (Alien vs. Predator, Resident Evil). Percy Jackson & the Olympians' Logan Lerman toplines as D'Artagnan, the brash young man who bands up with the famed trio (Luke Evans, Matthew Macfadyen, and Ray Stevenson) to fight the corrupt the dreaded Cardinal Richelieu (Christoph Waltz). Mads Mikkelsen and Milla Jovovich co-star in the Summit Entertainment release.

Paranormal Activity 3

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:50
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Mon thru Thurs		4:15	7:15	

Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, directing
Thriller, Horror • Rated R

Synopsis
The Paranormal Activity franchise continues with this third outing from Paramount Pictures. Oren Peli and Jason Blum return to produce the highly secretive feature, with Catfish's directing duo of Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman taking on the helming duties.

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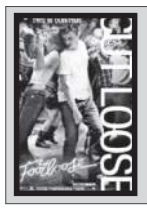

Footloose

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Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough
Mucical, Drama • Rated PG 13

The Thing

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Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
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Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ulrich Thomsen
Science fiction, Horror • Rated R

Real Steel

Friday		4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Mon thru Thurs		4:30	7:30	

Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo
Science fiction/Drama • Rated PG 13

Dolphin Tales

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Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
Children's/family • Rated PG

Dream House

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon thru Thurs		4:05	7:05	

Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts
Thriller • Rated PG 13

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Rules change between daughter and dad as little girl grows up

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: My preteen daughter, "Avery," has started developing a more mature figure. She recently told me privately that one night while I was in class, her father smacked her on the bottom and started playing with the back pockets on her jeans. It made her very uncomfortable. When Avery asked him to stop, he told her that she's his "baby girl" and he could smack her "cute little butt" if he wants to.

I think my husband truly believed it was OK and didn't mean (at least consciously) to touch her inappropriately. But if it bothered Avery, it can't continue.

I'm afraid I'll overreact if I try to discuss this with him. I was sexually abused by a relative when I was a young teenager. This relative also said that because he was related to me he could touch me in whatever way he wanted. To further complicate matters, my husband refuses me in bed.

If there's trouble brewing, I want to stop it now, but I don't want to come off as a freaked-out, paranoid former victim seeing abuse where it may be total innocence. Any suggestions?

UNEASY IN INDIANA

DEAR UNEASY: Yes. Listen to your gut. Tell your daughter you're glad she told you what happened, and you want her to come to you anytime ANYONE makes her feel uncomfortable. No one has the right to touch her if she doesn't want to be. And because what her father did made her uncomfortable, her "cute little butt" is off limits.

If your husband gives you an argument, insist on professional counseling for the two of you. He may be slow to realize that his little girl is growing up and the rules have changed. A licensed counselor will not come off as a "freaked-out, paranoid former victim" and can help him to understand that his behavior should not be repeated. And while you're at it, raise the issue of your sex life so you will have a clearer understanding of why it is the way it is.

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DEAR ABBY: Because ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) affects so many people, my letter may interest many of your readers. An estimated 4.4 million children between the ages of 4 and 17 have this diagnosis. Half of them receive some form of medication for it.

This disorder is also present in adults. According to an April 2006 study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, an estimated 4.4 percent of adults 18 to 44 experience some symptoms from it.

Thanks to ongoing research and improved treatment, adults with ADHD can live more successful lives. The largest study on childhood ADHD also shows effective treatments are available.

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder), the largest family-based organization advocating for people with the disorder, provides information, advocacy and support. Our website (CHADD.org) and publications contain science-based information. It includes available parent and teacher training programs as well as support groups in 200 locations.

Thank you for printing this and the advice and wisdom you have shared so consistently over the years.

MARIE S. PAXSON, PAST PRESIDENT,
CHADD ORGANIZATION

DEAR MARIE: I'm pleased to spread the word that effective treatment for ADHD—which can be inherited—is becoming more accessible to families affected by it. Treatment for this disorder includes parent training, behavioral intervention, educational adaptations, parent-child education on ADHD and medication. If a child you know has been diagnosed with this disorder, CHADD can be a helpful resource.

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Clooney: Think Hollywood is cynical? Try politics

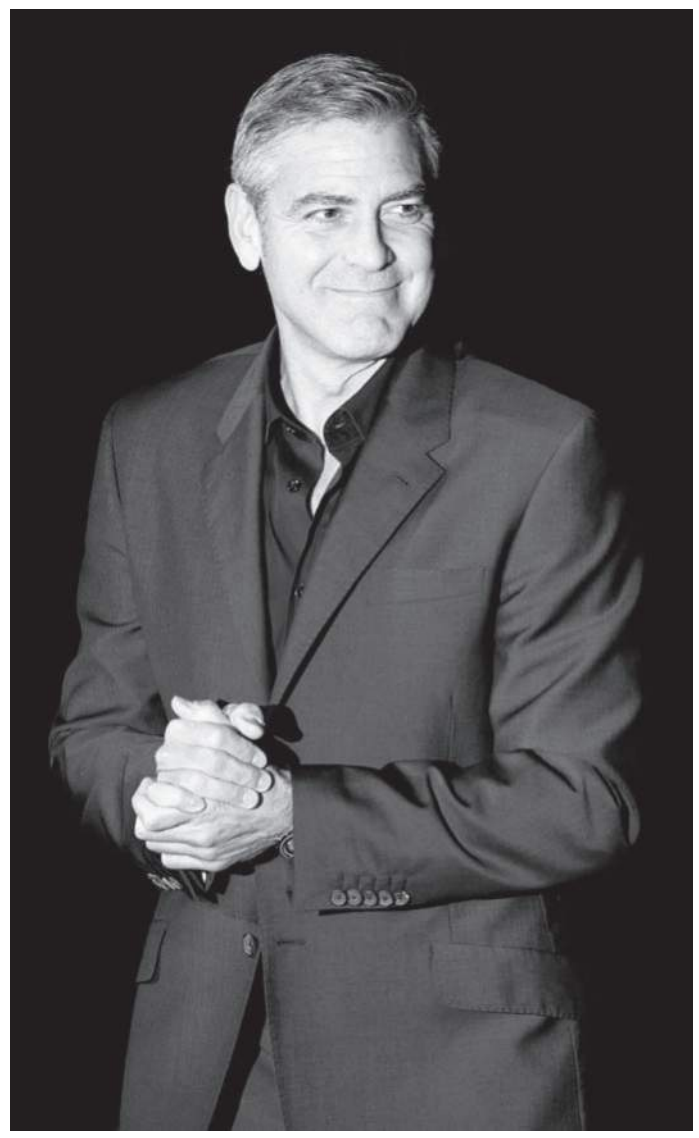
LONDON (AP)—George Clooney says Hollywood can be a ruthless place—but it's nothing compared to the world of politics.

The star, who plays a U.S. presidential hopeful in "The Ides of March," said Wednesday that "there's a certain cutthroat element to the business" of moviemaking, but added that actors share a spirit of generosity that he doesn't often see in politics.

Most performers "are pretty kind to one another," Clooney told reporters ahead of a gala screening of the movie at the London Film Festival.

"Because you're so lucky if you get to the position where you get to be in a film," Clooney said. "You're very privileged, and you understand that it's not just your brilliance that got you there, that you're standing on the shoulders of a lot of happy accidents along the way."

Clooney directed, co-wrote, produced and stars in the tale of a Democratic presidential contender, with Ryan Gosling as an idealistic aide swept up in a sex scandal in the final days of a closely fought primary campaign. The film also stars Philip Seymour Hoffman and Paul Giamatti as rival campaign managers, and Evan Rachel Wood as an ambitious intern.



U.S director George Clooney arrives for the offical BFI London Film Festival screening of The Ides of March premiere at a central London Cinema, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011. AP

Clooney said the movie, adapted from a play by Beau Willimon, is "a pretty cynical look at politics." He has said he held off filming it amid the wave of optimism that accompanied the 2008 election of President Barack Obama. Three years later, amid political division and economic gloom, that positive mood is long gone. "I think that the 'hope' part of the hope message has been tamped down a bit," Clooney said.

"It's all cyclical," he added. "It'll change back again. I feel fairly optimistic about the way our country works."

Clooney has politics in the family—his father made an unsuccessful run for Kentucky's 4th Congressional District in 2004. But he said playing a politician was a challenge.

"Playing a candidate is tricky because, you would think actors have a gigantic ego—and they do," he said. "But politicians have a tremendous amount of ego.

Jon Bon Jovi's charity restaurant opens in NJ

RED BANK, N.J. (AP)—In three decades as one of the world's biggest rock stars, Jon Bon Jovi has eaten in some of the world's best restaurants, savoring the best food the planet has to offer.

Yet there's no place he'd rather have dinner than The Soul Kitchen, a "pay-what-you-can" restaurant he and his wife Dorothea established in a former auto body shop near the Red Bank train station in central New Jersey.

The restaurant provides gourmet-quality meals to the hungry while enabling them to volunteer on community projects in return without the stigma of visiting a soup kitchen. Paying customers are encouraged to leave whatever they want in the envelopes on each table, where the menus never list a price.

The restaurant is the latest undertaking by the New Jersey rocker's Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, which has built 260 homes for low-income residents in recent years.

"With the economic downturn, one of the things I noticed was that disposable income was one of the first things that went," Bon Jovi told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday before the restaurant's grand opening ceremony. "Dining out, the family going out to a restaurant, mom not having to cook, dad not having to clean up—a lot of memories were made around restaurant tables.

"When I learned that one in six people in this country goes to bed hungry, I thought this was the next phase of the Foundation's work," he said.

It started several years ago when Dorothea Bongiovi (she uses the legal spelling of her husband's name) and Jon started helping out at a food pantry at nearby St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church. They later moved their focus to the Lunch Break program, which feeds 80 to 120 people a day, dubbing it "The Soul Kitchen."

They brought that name with them to a former auto body shop down the street from the Count Basie Theater, where Jon and his self-titled band have played many fundraising shows for local charities.

It took a year and $250,000, but the restaurant now rivals any of its competitors in trendy Red Bank, with entrees like cornmeal crusted catfish with red beans and rice, grilled chicken breast with homemade basil mayo and rice pilaf, and grilled salmon with soul seasonings, sweet potato mash and sauteed greens, many of which were grown in the herb and vegetable garden right outside the restaurant's doors.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Deschanel, country stars to sing at World Series

NEW YORK (AP)—Zooey Deschanel has double duty on Fox: The star of the new series "New Girl" also is performing at the World Series. Deschanel is from the indie pop duo She & Him. She'll sing the national anthem at Game 4 of the Major League Baseball seven-game series between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Texas Rangers. It airs Sunday on Fox. Before the actress takes the stage, country singer Trace Adkins will perform the anthem at Game 2 on Thursday, and Ronnie Dunn will do the same two days later at Game 3. The Cardinals and Rangers battle it out Wednesday night in Game 1 at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, where "American Idol" champion Scotty McCreery will perform the national anthem.

Larry McMurtry writing Harper's column

NEW YORK (AP)—Larry McMurtry's newest job is not writing books but writing about them. The author of "Lonesome Dove," "Terms of Endearment" and other novels is stepping in for an indefinite period as the "New Books" columnist for Harper's Magazine. The publication announced Wednesday that McMurtry's first column will appear in the issue that arrives next week. McMurtry is filling in for "White Teeth" novelist Zadie Smith, who is on temporary leave.

Rapper Rick Ross cancels concert at Ga. college

ATLANTA (AP)—Georgia State University has announced that rapper Rick Ross, who was hospitalized last week, has canceled a planned concert there. Georgia State officials said in a statement that the rap artist notified them that he'll be unable to perform at Friday's GSU homecoming concert in downtown Atlanta. GSU's statement said Ross suffered two seizures last week while attempting to travel to various performances in the Southeast. School officials say ticket refunds will be made available.

Soulja Boy says he's innocent after arrest in Ga.

TEMPLE, Ga. (AP)—Hip-hop star Soulja Boy proclaimed his innocence as he encountered dozens of screaming fans outside a bail bond company following his arrest on a drug charge in Georgia.

CBS Atlanta reports (http://bit.ly/pvmBTz) that the artist said "I'm innocent, man" during the chaotic scene Tuesday as bodyguards rushed him into a waiting car.

Soulja Boy, also known as DeAndre Cortez Way, faces a drug charge after police stopped his rental car in the west Georgia town of Temple on Interstate 20.

Temple Police Chief Tim Shaw said police stopped the Cadillac Escalade early Tuesday because a light wasn't working. He said officers found marijuana inside.

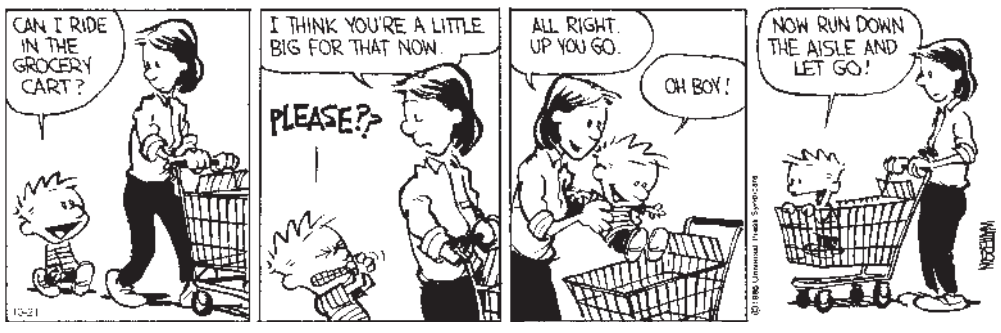
The rapper was released on $10,000 bond.

Carroll County officials say he was represented by attorney Kip Jones, who had no comment when contacted.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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I THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE BIG FOR THAT NOW.
PLEASE?
ALL RIGHT. UP YOU GO.
OH BOY!
NOW RUN DOWN THE AISLE AND LET GO!

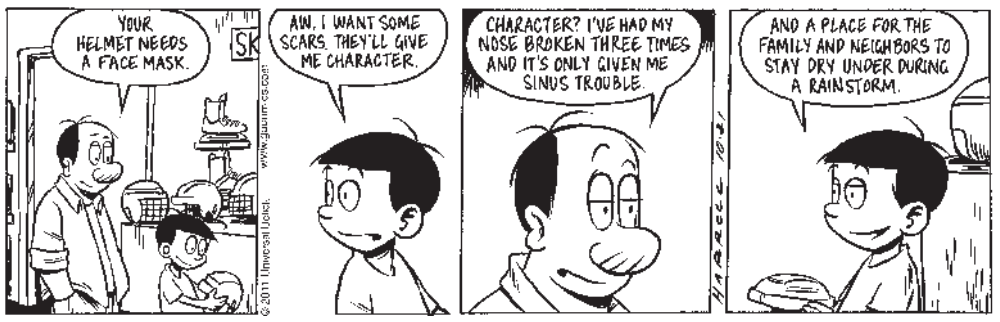
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

YES, MOM. LIZ AND I ARE STILL TOGETHER
YES, I KNOW WE MAKE A LOVELY COUPLE
YES, I KNOW YOU'D LIKE TO SEE GRANDCHILDREN BEFORE YOU DIE
MOMS ARE NOT MASTERS OF SUBTLETY

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


YOUR HELMET NEEDS A FACE MASK.
AW, I WANT SOME SCARS. THEY'LL GIVE ME CHARACTER.
CHARACTER? I'VE HAD MY NOSE BROKEN THREE TIMES AND IT'S ONLY GIVEN ME SINUS TROUBLE.
AND A PLACE FOR THE FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS TO STAY DRY UNDER DURING A RAINSTORM.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "Monty Python" opener
4 Met melody
8 Raggedy Ann, e.g.
12 Calendar abbr.
13 Gangster's companion
14 Pennsylvania port
15 Pennsylvania Dutch pork concoction
17 Appellation
18 With skill
19 Monarch
20 Comfortably inviting
22 Pebbles' papa
24 French cleric
25 Sit-ins and such
29 Part of AT&T
30 Water nymph
31 Greek X
32 Glittery cosmetic
34 Actor Pitt
35 Census stats
36 Cheer up
37 Inundated
40 Amorphous mass
41 Mail
42 Earn an F in penmanship
46 Satan's specialty
47 Owl's call
48 Shelter
49 Challenge
50 Oxen's burden
51 Corn spike

DOWN
1 Picks out of a lineup
2 Sleuth
3 Mix up
4 Without stinting
5 Thickly fibrous
6 Under the weather
7 Hearty brew
8 Strip
9 Exam format
10 Rickey flavoring
11 Ogler's look
16 Busy as —
19 Emeritus (Abbr.)
20 Loathe
21 Do as you're told
22 McDonald's offering
23 Bellow
25 Sheet of glass
26 Where "TWELVE" is worth 12
27 Just one of those things
28 22-Down, e.g.
30 Approaching
33 In conclusion
34 Sci-fi villain
36 Upper-class group
37 Mimicked
38 Made on a loom
39 "Yeah, right!"
40 Understand, slangily
42 Bashful
43 Dove's call
44 Meadow
45 Always, in verse

Solution time: 25 mins.

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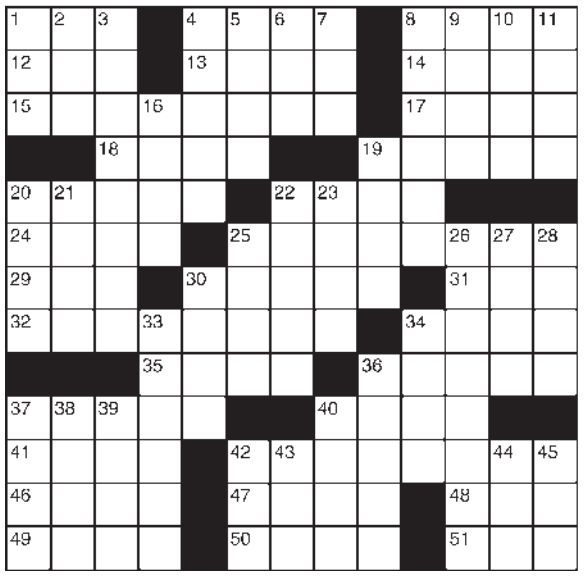
Yesterday's answer 10-21



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Matt Dallas, 29; Kim Kardashian, 31; Carrie Fisher, 55; Judge Judy Sheindlin, 69.

Happy Birthday: Stabilize your position. Make a move or offer more for less in order to maintain your status quo. Opportunities will unfold if you are adaptable. Don't let anyone make you feel guilty for doing what's necessary. Put greater emphasis on getting the returns you deserve. Your numbers are 5, 18, 21, 23, 28, 36, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): A challenge will get your adrenaline flowing and give you a chance to impress those witnessing your accomplishment. Too much bravado will cause problems with a lover or partner who may feel left out or jealous. Attention will fix what's broken. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You'll be drawn to someone who has a personal or professional interest in you. Too much of anything or anyone can be detrimental. Don't give in to demands because you feel you aren't worth more. Make a counteroffer to get what you want. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take work seriously and tie up loose ends quickly so you can get on with personal plans. Making changes at home will turn out well and be appreciated by family members. Save money by doing the work yourself. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't let a demanding individual ruin your plans. Do something you enjoy or take a trip to visit someone who makes you happy. Socializing will help you decide where you want to live or what life changes you want to make. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Keep the peace by doing what's asked of you at home. Allowing a situation to turn into a major confrontation will ruin your weekend. Possessiveness or jealousy will surface, causing anger and emotional instability. Avoid an argument you cannot win. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll have opportunities galore, but not everyone will be pleased for you. Keep your eyes open for someone who wants to contribute to your failure. You will find out whom you can and cannot trust. Practicality and common sense will win out in the end. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Revisit some of your past accomplishments and the places where you used to hang out. Reuniting with old friends will give you a better sense of where you should be heading in the future. Consider reviving an old friendship or goal. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You'll face obstacles if you let your emotions take over. You need to be objective if you intend to do the best job possible. Someone you care about will overreact if you make excuses or renege on a promise you made. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Look for adventure and you will find it. Your passionate approach to whatever you do will attract attention. Not everyone will share your enthusiasm, but for those who do, the weekend should be filled with fun. You can't please everyone. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take care of pressing matters. Don't leave anything to chance. Expect someone to be a burden or to slow you down. Include your family in your plans and you will receive the additional help you need to bypass anyone harboring a different agenda. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Be realistic when it comes to your goals. Size up your situation and determine who can help you and who can't. Don't let someone's jealousy deter you from following through with your plans. Be objective. Self-deception is the enemy. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Give-and-take is the way to go. Share with a loved one and you will succeed. Don't let a colleague pressure you into working overtime. Fix up your home or enjoy improvement projects you can take on with the help of someone special. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You have great insight. You are forceful, protective and stubborn.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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9								3

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/21

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

9	1	5	3	2	8	7	4	6
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3	8	6	5	1	9	4	2	7
1	5	4	2	7	3	8	6	9
7	9	2	6	8	4	1	3	5

Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE PRESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER Solution: 7 letters

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Ⓛ	H	L	N	R	R	E	A	I	M	N	M	S	O	M
C	F	A	U	S	D	C	S	R	A	A	E	O	Z	A
F	A	O	R	T	P	N	R	V	D	I	T	R	T	D
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Yesterday's Answer: Squawking

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With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.

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is inviting qualified applicants to apply for the following positions:

VICE PRESIDENT: Must be a graduate of Business Management Course with extensive formal and informal training in business management. Must have handled a managerial post related to insurance business development for a minimum of 5 years or an executive post in the insurance industry for at least 3 years. Must have extensive knowledge of relevant facets of the insurance business.

GENERAL MANAGER: Bachelors Degree or equivalent work experience preferably in the insurance industry plus 5 years in the insurance business as a general or operations manager. Must be knowledgeable in implementing reinsurance and claims functions, standards in doing risk analysis and underwriting of insurance lines. Responsible for achieving target renewals, desired increase in business, risk acceptance level resulting in underwriting gain, and profit goals in rate of equity.

ACCOUNTING MANAGER: Bachelors Degree in economics, business administration, or accounting with a minimum of 5 years experience in insurance financial management. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, Power point, SAP R3 FICO system, and the insurance Geniisys program. Must possess an intermediate level of management skills, a good understanding of government and regulatory compliance procedures and excellent communication skills in interpreting financial reports. Auditing experience an advantage.

SUPERVISOR, UNDERWRITING & CLAIMS: Must be a college graduate with at least 4 years of work experience in insurance business particularly in claims, underwriting, and reinsurance. Must possess above average communications skills, a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and the insurance software Geniisys. Must be willing to take cross-functional assignments and adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's business operations.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER: High school diploma or equivalent with experience in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

ACCOUNTANT (4): Must be a college graduate in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work related experience in insurance financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

UNDERWRITER (3): Minimum 2 year graduate certificate or diploma from college with a minimum 4 years experience in underwriting or insurance. Must possess skills and ability to review, identify, calculate risk of loss from policyholders, determine appropriate premium, and write coverage policies. Must have knowledge and manipulation experience with insurance data base and report generating software Geniisys. Must have good communication and logical skills to quickly make sound decisions and good judgments to minimize, if not prevent, loss.

SYSTEM ANALYST: Must be a college graduate in computer science/technology or management information systems with a minimum 4 years experience in computer systems and programming. Must possess a broad knowledge and experience in computer systems, strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and the ability to think logically. Must have knowledge in Oracle server and programming, and a strong experience the insurance data base and program - Geniisys and an indepth experience in insurance business operations. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Applications can be obtained at and submitted to Century Insurance Company (CIC) office at the JP Center Building on Beach Road Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00PM, Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Century Insurance Company, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are encouraged to apply.

APPROACH GROUP (CNMI), LLC
Vacancy Announcement

1-Accountant. Salary $5.05 - $12.69/hr 5 years experience in Financial Accounting. Minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Extensive knowledge of United States GAAP. Proficient in Peachtree accounting software. Able to work flexible hours, with own reliable transportation.

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Construction Supervisor
1 - Carpenter

Must have at least 3 years work experience in construction business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to ASC Arch Structure Corporation Chalan Kiya, Saipan

Job Vacancy Announcement
Dive Marianas Corporation

1 General Manager

Must have PADI License. At least 5 years work experience as Dive Shop Manager.

Compensation commensurate experience

Interested Qualified US Workers can e-mail resume to divemarianasinc@gmailcom

FABRICLEAN OF CNMI
dba MARIANAS CLEANERS

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) DRY CLEANER SPECIALSIT.

Salary $5.05 p/h. Minimum of 3 yrs experience In dry cleaning. GED or High School Graduate. Police Clearance required.

Interested U.S. Citizen may pick – up an application at Marianas Cleaners. Call 234-6239/5323

Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:

Accountant (2) needed:
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
5 or more years accounting in Christian school Proficiency in Accountrak/School Minder programs

Download application at www.gca-nmi-com and submit at Grace Christian Academy

Grace Christian Assembly
is looking for:

Accountant (1)
Bachelor's degree in Accounting
5 or more years in Church Accounting
Willing to work on flexible time.

Get application at Grace Christian Assembly, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Tuesday to Friday.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
AUDITOR
Opening: October 12, 2011 to October 22, 2011

Job description: Duties include performing audit risk assessment procedures; performing test of internal controls related to financial statement audit in accordance with GAAP in the US and compliance audits in accordance with the applicable standards; performing detailed substantive audit procedures; preparing draft Audit Reports and Financial Statements; and performing compilation, review and agreed-upon procedure engagements.

Qualification: Graduate of BS Accountancy or related degrees, with at least 3 years experience in auditing private, government and not-for-profit organization. **Salary:** $26,500 per annum

Interested applicants may fax their resume at J. Scott Magliari & Co at 670-233-8214 or email at jsm@magliari-cpa.com on or before October 22, 2011.

KARIDAT
A Northern Mariana Islands Social Service
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 – Shelter Worker – Limited Term
1 – Shelter Worker /Victim Hotline Coordinator

For more information, job description can be obtained from Karidat Main office at Chalan Kanoa.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED: Completed application form; copy of diploma of highest achievement; resume; current police clearance (within 6 months); and a copy of valid driver's license.

NO PHONE INQUIRIES PLEASE.

CLOSING DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2011

1 Vacancy for Commercial Cleaner. Wage range $5.05 per hour. Perform work involving the following: Clean building floors by sweeping, mopping, scrubbing, or vacuuming them, gather and empty trash, service, clean, and supply restrooms, clean and polish furniture and fixtures, clean windows, glass partitions, and mirrors, using soapy water or other cleaners, sponges, and squeegees, dust furniture, walls, machines, and equipment, make adjustments and minor repairs to heating, cooling, ventilating, plumbing, and electrical systems, mix water and detergents or acids in containers to prepare cleaning solutions, according to specifications, steam-clean or shampoo carpets, strip, seal, finish, and polish floors, clean and restore building interiors damaged by fire, smoke, or water, using commercial cleaning equipment, clean chimneys, flues, and connecting pipes, using power and hand tools, clean laboratory equipment, such as glassware and metal instruments, using solvents, brushes, rags, and power cleaning equipment, drive vehicles required to perform or travel to cleaning work, including vans, industrial trucks, or industrial vacuum cleaners, follow procedures for the use of chemical cleaners and power equipment, in order to prevent damage to floors and fixtures, monitor building security and safety by performing such tasks as locking doors after operating hours and checking electrical appliance use to ensure that hazards are not created, move heavy furniture, equipment, and supplies, either manually or by using hand trucks, mow and trim lawns and shrubbery, using mowers and hand and power trimmers, and clear debris from grounds, notify managers concerning the need for major repairs or additions to building operating systems, requisition supplies and equipment needed for cleaning and maintenance duties, set up, arrange, and remove decorations, tables, chairs, ladders, and scaffolding to prepare facilities for events such as banquets and meetings, spray insecticides and fumigants to prevent insect and rodent infestation.
Education: High school level, or an equivalent with at least four years of continued experience in cleaning, child care, or related trades. Must arrive for work on time, all of the time. Must be able to work nights, weekends, and holidays, as required. Must be able to plan and execute work in a self-contained environment. Must be able to read, and write basic English and speak and understand spoken English well. Able to converse in Tagalog or other non-English languages preferred. Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must have no criminal history and be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test. Please email complete resume to Seanfrink@gmail.com by October28.

Job Vacancy Announcement

One (1) Health Safety & Environmental Officer
College level, plus 5 years experience as health and safety inspector. Applicant must be proficient in written and oral communications. Computer literate: Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point. Applicant must be up-to-date with current legislations on Health Safety & Environmental. Applicant should have project management experience and knowledge of the operations of power plant. Applicant must have a valid driver's license.

One (1) Administrative Assistant
College level, plus 5 years experience working in industrial company. Computer literate: Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook. Applicant must be proficient with using Peachtree Accounting software. Applicant must have excellent written and oral communication skills. Applicant must have international purchasing experience, and understanding of basic technical specifications. Applicant must have a valid driver's license.

Two (2) Power Plant Operator
Applicants must be college level, plus 5 years experience in power plant operations. Applicants must be able to operate low and high voltage switchgear.

Two (2) Power Plant Mechanic
Technical School graduate, plus 5 years experience as power plant mechanic with diesel engine experience. Applicants must be able to repair EMD, Nordberg, and Cummins diesel generator sets.

One (1) Power Plant Electrician
Technical School graduate, plus 5 years experience as industrial electrician. Applicant must be knowledgeable in motor, generator rewinding and must be able to interpret switchgear and engine control electrical wiring diagrams.

One (1) Warehouse Clerk
At least college level, plus 5 years relevant experience in warehouse management including power plant equipments and parts store. Applicant must know how to use Microsoft office Word, Excel and familiar with Peachtree Accounting software.

Contact: PMIC at Tel # 322-6181 • Fax# 322-6180

Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel
P.O. Box 503916 CK, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: (670) 234-7829 Fax: (670) 234-6534
E-Mail : ckbc1@pticom.com

Newspaper Job Announcement
for Qualifies U.S. Citizen

Position: 3 Cook
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Culinary Skills, 5 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standards and good hygiene knowledge.

Position: 1 Chef
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Culinary Skills, 10 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standard and hygiene knowledge. Good problem solving.

Position: 3 Restaurant Team Leaders
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Hospitality or Tourism management. 5 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standard and hygiene knowledge. Good problem solving.

Position: 2 Waitresses / 2 Waiters
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Hospitality or Tourism management. 5 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standard and hygiene knowledge. Good problem solving.

Position: 1 Computer Technician
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Computer Technology. 5 yrs. Work experience in Computer knowledge.

Position: 2 Housekeeping Team Leader
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Hospitality or Tourism management. 5 yrs. Work expenience as housekeeping assistant with good standard and hygiene knowledge with good problem solving.

Position: 1 General Maintenance
Qualification Requirement:
5 yrs. Expenience in general maintenance job, must know how to do electrical,plumbing, carpentry, building repairs and ground maintenance. Must know how to install, setting up machine and ensure working condition. Worker must have a good and excellent working attitude, responsible and works independently.

Qualifies U.S. Citizens should submit RESUME to Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel Front Office. Or Call (670) 234-7829 for information

HAFADAI BEACH HOTEL
P.O. BOX 500338 SAIPAN, MP 96950-0338
TEL: (670) 234-6495 to 98 • FAX (670) 237-252

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Date: Oct. 19, 2011
Close Date: Oct. 25, 2011

Position: Supervisor, Front Desk
Salary: $8.00 per hour

Job Qualification: AA Degree/College Graduate. (5) years experience as F/D Supervisor/Must speak Japanese, Korean, & Chinese. U.S. or Permanent Resident.

Position: Clerk, Front Desk
Salary: $5.05 per hour

Job Qualification: High School graduate. Preferably Japanese, Korean & Chinese Speaking. Must have minimum of 2 years experience in Hotel. U.S. or Permanent Resident.

For more information you may contact Mr. Juan I Tenorio, Manager for Human Resources Department at (670) 234-6495 ext. 5840/2.
Employment application forms are available at Hafadai Beach Hotel, Human Resource Department.

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

HOFSCHNEIDER ENGINEERING, LLC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

Two (2) Project Managers
Experience: 10 years or more
- Demonstrated ability to apply FHWA/FAA/EPA/IBC/ASTM/AASHTO/ACI design and regulatory requirements as they apply to design and construction projects
- Knowledge of construction methods, scheduling and estimating
- Strong background in project and construction management
- Proficient in MS Office, MS Project, Prolog Manager & Converge

Two (2) Project Engineers
Experience: 7 years or more,
- Demonstrated ability to apply FHWA/FAA/EPA/IBC/ASTM/AASHTO/ACI design and regulatory requirements as they apply to design and construction projects
- Proficient in AutoCad, MS Office MS Project, Prolog Manager & Converge

One (1) AutoCad Operator
Experience:5 years or more
- Proficient in AutoCad, MS Office, Prolog Manager & Converge; candidate must have demonstrated ability to prepare civil and structural drawings with supervision from responsible design staff

One (1) Engineering & Administrative Assistant
Experience: 7 years or more,
- Assist Principal Engineer with scheduling of company resources and ability to prepare balanced schedules utilizing staff resources against company's project portfolio; Self-motivated and able to prepare documents in support of Statement of Qualifications and in response to Request for Proposals
- Assist Principal Engineer with project, contract, & risk management issues by performing quality assurance on projects and contracts
- Assist Office Manager with administrative matters
- Familiarity in accounting procedure and able to assist Company accountant

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

Interested applicants may submit their resume to Hofschneider Engineering, LLC 2nd Flr. JET Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950.
Deadline of Submission: October 26, 2011
No phone calls and walk-in interview

PRADA

TRS SAIPAN
Travel Retail Stores
DFS Galleria

Is looking for qualified applicants to fill the following positions:

SALES ASSOCIATE

Qualified individual will report to the Store Manager and must possess the following:

Retail experience required
Japanese and Korean language preferred
Excellent Customer Service skills
Ability to work flexible hours
Commitment to complete required training programs
High school graduate or GED equivalent

We offer attractive remuneration package to commensurate with qualifications and experience. For consideration, please apply in person or forward your detailed resume to:

TRS SAIPAN
PRADA Boutique
DFS Galleria, Beach Road
Saipan, MP 96950
Tel 233-5009 • Fax 233-5008

Successful candidates must submit to Drug & Alcohol Test
Police and Court Clearance required.
We are an EEO Employer.

Saipan Triple Star Recycling Inc.

Job Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager. Salary $5.05 p/h. 10 years working experience. Chinese speaking preferred. Knowledge in managing more than 20 employees. Familiar with recycling procedures a plus.

1-Office Manager. Salary $5.05 p/h. 5 years working experience. College graduate required. Able to speak & write in English, Chinese and Japanese. Basic Computer skills required.

2-Heavy Equipment Maintenance. Salary $5.05 p/h. 10 years working experience. Knowledge in repair, diagnose and maintain all heavy equipments.

4-Recycling Helper. Salary $5.05 p/h. 2 years experience. Chinese speaking preferred.

6-Assistant Manager. Salary $5.05 p/h. 5 years experience required. Must fulfill job assignments from Managers.

3-Welder. Salary $5.05 p/h. 10 years working experience. Knowledge in welding & cutting Metals. Chinese Speaking preferred.

2-Department Manager. Salary $5.05 p/h. 10 years working experience. Basic computer skills required. Chinese speaking preferred.

Interested applicants please send resume to
PMB 33, Box 10012, Saipan, MP 96950

Karidat Social Services
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Karidat has two job openings for: one (1) Victims of Crime Advocacy Coordinator and one (1) Shelter Worker. Application forms are available at Karidat's main office located on Chalan Kanoa Drive. Application deadline for the two positions will be Thursday, November 03, 2011, 4:30 p.m. No telephone inquiries please.

Gana Corporation is looking for:

2-Teachers – Bachelors Degree required
1-Operations Manager – 5 years minimum experience. Knowledge to speak and write Korean language preferred. Can cook Korean food.

Call Jean at 287-4970

Hong Ye Trading Company
P.O. Box 502997 Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

3-Mason, 4-Carpenters, 1-Electrician
Minimum of 2 to 5 yrs experience. Salary $5.05 per hour. Call 235-8748. Email tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

Job Vacancy Announcement
Island Essence Inc. is in need of

1 Operations Manager - at least 5 years experience in bridal design, event planning and floral arrangement.
2 Florist - at least 3 years work experience.
1 Dressmaker - at least 3 years work experience.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to Island Essence Inc. at 235-2231

JD's Corporation
P.O. Box 502981 Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

Store Manager-College graduate Min. 5 yrs experience. Salary $5.05 per hour. Call 235-4405. Email tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

Job Vacancy Announcement

Speedy Turtle Dive Shop is announcing vacancy of 2 Teacher-Instructor positions.

5.05/hr • Medical Insurance • US Social Security

Job responsibilities:
- teaching for scuba diving theory and practical aspects;
- instructing students and experienced divers;
- to perform duties of dive leader (dive guide);
- maintain and repair scuba diving gear;

The Job requirements:
- rating of Certified NAUI Diving Instructor or higher;
- 5 years experience in Scuba Diving Instructing;
- minimum 2000 registered dives;
- knowledge of scuba diving gear, its maintenance and repair;
- knowledge with air compressor machinery and experience in running such machinery;
- knowledge and experience in underwater video and photo filming;
- knowledge of scuba diving, free diving and snorkeling gear in order to run diving gear shop;
- Knowledge of Russian language (speaking, writing and reading) and familiarity with Technical (diving) Russian terminology is a plus;

Submit resume via fax 234 6286. For inquiries, please call: 493 9616; contact person Oleg Tchernychenko.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

2 Ref. A/C Technician - $5.05/hr
5 years experience
Must have knowledge in electronics and electrical appliances.

1 Construction Supervisor - $5.05-$5.50/hr
5 years experience

1 Commercial Cleaner - $5.05/hr
5 years experience
Must have knowledge in Electronics & A/C parts.

JOEMARI ELECTRONICS
Email resume to ynadjoy@yahoo.com
Tel: 989-2668

PACIFIC HISTORIC PARKS
AT AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK

Store Manager

Extensive retail experience in a Supervisory position. Computer Skills in Office, Excel, PP and retail Software. Schedules, trains, motivates, report writing. Exceptional detail skills. Math, people, safety skills. Knowledge of Labor laws of CNMI. Multiple languages preferred. Flexible days and hours but must be willing to work all days Monday thru Sunday. Reliable transportation, reimburseable mileage for Work. Send resume and cover letter explaining your above skills to:

Cindy Rapadas
Regional Manager
Pacific Historic Parks
135 Murray Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910

No phone calls please.

Vacancy Announcement

1 – Groundskeeper/Landscaper

Must be skilled in working with and maintaining various grounds keeping equipment, including power tolls: bush cutter, hedge trimmer, chainsaw and riding mower. Maintain lawns driveways water catchments and landscaping around house rentals. Have a basic knowledge of outdoor plumbing and maintenance for landscaping. Must have at least five years experience with references from prior employers; posses a valid driver's license and a current police clearance. 32 hour work week at $5.05 per hour. Interested U.S. applicant only. Call Rosa Sorensen @ 322 -2424.

Job Vacancy Announcement

(5) **Mason –** 5 years experience - $ 5.05/hr
(2) **Carpenters –** 5 years experience - $ 5.05/hr
(1) **Accountant –** 5 years experience/Degree in Accounting & Bookkeeping/Must be computer literate - $ 5.05/hr
(5) **Waitress –** 3 years experience - $ 5.05/hr
(1) **House worker –** 3 years experience

Interested applicant must contact and submit resume to
RPCF, INC
P.O. Box 504549 Saipan, MP 96950
Tel #: 234-9127
email-brian@pticom.com

Tour company Belka Tours is announcing vacancy on 4 positions of Tour Manager with the rate of $5.05 per hour.

Job requirements: Bachelor degree, Knowledge of the Russian tourism market, tour company operations, local hospitality industry and land operations, familiarity with specifics of a diving tourism. Language Skills: Russian - fluent oral and written, English - confident oral and written (preferably E-094 or higher). Communication skills, Computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, and Adobe Photoshop); 5 years experience in tourism industry; Licenses: driving is a must; scuba diving of any level is a plus. Must be legal to work in the CNMI.

Submit resume via e-mail belkators@pticom.com or fax to 234-6286.

Marianas Medical Center Job Vacancies

Medical Laboratory Technicians (3 positions). Associate degree in Medical Technology or minimum CLIA required course hours for high complexity lab testing. Minimum of 2 years recent work experience in a CLIA certified medical laboratory. Must have work experience in operating Siemens chemistry and ABX hematology systems. Salary range $6.00 to $8.50, depending on qualification and experience. Please submit resume with 2 by 2 pictures at Marianas Medical Center (MMC) in Garapan no later than October 24, 2011. Qualified applicants are required to submit police clearance and drug testing results. MMC is a Smoke Free Work Place.

CMLC ARTHA CO., LTD.
Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager. Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japangese (reading, writing, speaking)

1-Scuba Diving Instructor. Salary $1200 - $1800 p/m. 2 years experience as a professional scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required. Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

1-Dive Master/Helper. Salary $1000 - $1400 p/m. 2 years experience in scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required. Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

Grace Christian Academy
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Kinder Teacher &
(1) Elementary Teacher

Qualifications: Holder of Bachelor's degree in education; At least 5 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school; Must be ACSI certified; Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school Must adhere to all school policies and procedure Preferably ACSI certified

Download application form at www.gca-nmi.com Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, Mp 96950 GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International.

HARDT EYE CLINIC
P.O. Box 504768 Saipan, MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(TWO) 2 - REGISTERED NURSE
(ONE) 1 - LICENSE PRACTICAL NURSE
(ONE) 1 - CLEANER
(TWO) 2 - NURSING ASSISTANT
(TWO) 2 - OPTICIAN
(TWO) 2 - ACCOUNTANT

Please submit your resume at Hardt Eye Clinic. Phone number 235-2030/31

Horizons, Inc.
US Eligible Workers Only

Bookkeeper (1)
Sales Supervisor (1)
Accounts Receivable Clerk (1)
Accounts Payable Clerk (1)
- minimum 5 years experience
- Must be proficient in Peach Tree accounting software

Route Sales Person (3)
- minimum 3 years experience in sales
- Knowledgeable in selling Philippine products

Commercial Cleaner (1)
- minimum 3 years experience

Delivery Driver (1)
- able to drive 6-wheel cargo truck with 3 tons capacity
- minimum 3 years experience

Maintenance/Repair Worker (1)
- minimum of 3 years experience
- knowledge in carpentry & welding works

Automotive Body and Related Repairer (1)
- minimum of 5 years experience

Interested persons send current resume to:
horizons87.hrd@gmail.com

Submit application no later than Oct. 29, 2011 at Horizons Inc. Tanapag, Saipan
No Phone Calls Please

IMMEDIATE OPENING

STEVEDORE
DIESEL MECHANIC
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
WELDER
GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
CRANE OPERATOR

APPLY IN PERSON AND BRING RESUME. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

"Any applicant tentatively selected for these positions are required to submit to and pass a drug test screening prior to employment."

SAIPAN STEVEDORE COMPANY, INC.
Port of Saipan

1 - General Maintenance Worker

High School graduate or equivalent with at least 10 years work experience. Has demonstrated the ability to perform general routine repairs and maintenance in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, refrigeration and air conditioning, including painting, masonry, grounds keeping and appliance repairs. Must be a driver. Must be knowledgeable in the use and maintenance of hand and power tools used in maintenance and repair of buildings. Must be able to work flexible hours including outdoors with minimal supervision. Salary: $5.05 per hour (No house provided). Please mail resume or biodata to BMSablan Auto Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Repair Shop to PO BOX 501274 Saipan, MP 96950.

Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - General Accountant. Salary: $5.25/hr. 5 years experience. Prepares, examine or analyze acctg. Records, financial statements, or other financial reports to assess the accuracy, completeness and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Responsible for the proper maintenance and accuracy of the company's accounting system and files. Compute taxes owed, and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payments, reporting or other tax requirements. Report to management regarding the finances of management. Cashiering & other related duties.

Interested applicants may pick up an application at Car Quest. No phone calls please.

DKSH Saipan, Inc.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Part-time Sales Associates
3 yrs experience and High School graduate required.

Submit your resume via email to caronel@saipan.com or apply in person at Caronel Watch Center in Garapan.

CHEN YUE AYUYU dba CYA Koblerville Market
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: October 19, 2011 Closing Date: October 25, 2011

Position: (1) Sales Person
Salary: $5.05 per hour
Job Qualification: Minimum of 5 yrs work-related experience. Must know how to operate cash register. Chinese language highly preferred. A valid driver's license required. Flexible time is also required. Honest and trustworthy.

Position: (1) Accountant
Salary: $5.05-$6.05 per hour
Job Qualification: Bachelor in Accountancy. Minimum of 5 yrs experience. A clear understanding of Federal and CNMI tax laws (can compute and file taxes). Must have knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory, payroll and bank reconciliation. Ability to prepare financial reports. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word and accounting software.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Applicants must submit their resume at CYA Koblerville Market, located near St. Jude Church in Koblerville. NO PHONE CALLS.

ST. JUDE RENAL CARE FACILITY, INC.

(2) BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIR ($5.05 to $7.00 per hour)
- Performs a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair tasks.
- Performs preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing, security systems, solar panel maintenance and construction with solectria inverter experience.
- Performs rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and partitions.
- Maintains and repairs various equipment
- High school graduate or equivalent
- Prefer skills training in electrical, plumbing and other building trades areas
- Extensive work experience with hemodialysis/maintenance/plumbing & construction is required.
- Must have a valid driver's license.

(4) COMMERCIAL CLEANER ($5.05 TO $6.00 per hour)
- Operates various mechanized cleaning equipment, such as vacuums, polishers, buffers, etc.
- Maintain facility in a sanitary and infection-free condition through washing, cleaning and replacement of equipment and furnishings.
- Requires working in damp, dusty and dirty areas. Must clean up human waste and other body fluids, as required.
- Responsible for disposal of trash, waste, and other disposable materials.
- Must handle various cleaning solvents, chemical, etc.
- Damp dust furniture, light fixtures, window, etc.
- Empty trash containers daily.
- Wet mop floors and bathrooms daily. Damp mop all corridor floors, lobby and others daily.
- Report any needed repairs immediately.
- Check entire area for spills, water, etc., periodically, especially in patients' area and lobby.
- Use safety precautions in all housekeeping services.
- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have own transportation
- Is required to clean employee's housing prior to and post occupancy.
- Is required to maintain and clean in an orderly manner the Business, Dr's., Accounting, Dietician and Clinic Manager's Offices.

Interested applicants must submit an application or resume to St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc., dba Saipan Health Clinic in Chalan Kiya, Saipan or for information, please call 234-2902 and ask for Connie Aldan or Judy Arriola.

Job Announcement

Sales Operation Manager - $5.05 to $6.70/hr
10 years continued experience with Bachelor's Degree in Sales & marketing. Must have extensive knowledge on consumer products, sales & promotional planning, inventory & budget control and product importation. Must have the ability to handle overall operations of wholesale business. Proficiency in Microsoft Word programs & wholesale software system is a must. Must be available to work anytime needed.

Sales Officer - $5.05 to $5.30/hr
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La Russa's moves pay off, Cards win Series opener

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Nobody plays a hunch like Tony La Russa. Not this October, anyway.

The St. Louis manager once again looked like a genius, especially when Allen Craig pinch-hit for ace Chris Carpenter and delivered a go-ahead single that sent the Cardinals past the Texas Rangers 3-2 on Wednesday night in the World Series opener.

Craig's slicing hit in the sixth inning fell inches in front of sliding right fielder Nelson Cruz. Game 1 was just that tight throughout a cold, damp evening.

"Man, he's tough," Craig said of hard-throwing reliever Alexi Ogando. "He came right at me with fastballs, and I missed the first two. Then that last one I was trying to get the barrel on it, make the defense make a play. Fortunate, kept it fair, and Cruz made a great attempt on that. It was a great play all-around."

It was a game perfectly suited for the National League style—lots of bunts, intentional walks and pitching changes. And in a postseason in which he's made all the right moves, the 67-year-old La Russa was at the top of his game.

After pulling Carpenter, La Russa coaxed three scoreless innings from his deep bullpen. Five relievers did the job, with Jason Motte closing for his fifth save of the postseason.

A day earlier, Texas manager Ron Washington joked, "I don't think I can ever live up to matching wits with Tony La Russa." Who can, these days?

The Cardinals even won without their Rally Squirrel. There were no sightings of the elusive critter still roaming Busch Stadium—good thing for the rodent, too, because La Russa probably would've devised a way to catch him.

Game 2 is Thursday night, with Jaime Garcia starting for the Cards against Colby Lewis. Texas has not lost two straight games since August.

This was the first time Texas had ever played in St. Louis. Yet Josh Hamilton, Cruz and the big-hitting Rangers looked a lot like the team that fizzled at the plate in last year's World Series against San Francisco.

Each team wound up with six hits. The wild-card Cardinals just did more with them.

Lance Berkman put St. Louis ahead with a two-run single in the fourth. Mike Napoli tied it with a two-run homer in the fifth.

Carpenter earned his eighth postseason win, breaking the team record he shared with Bob Gibson. Of course, all of Gibby's victories came in the World Series.

"Carp, he did what he usually does," Craig said. "He was our leader out there tonight. "Went out there and threw strikes, got early outs, and he led us tonight. It was great."

AP

St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Jason Motte celebrates with catcher Yadier Molina after the final out in the ninth inning of Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in St. Louis.

Carpenter helped himself with a nifty play in the first inning, diving to catch a toss from first baseman Albert Pujols and tagging the bag with his glove. He didn't argue when La Russa removed him—all the Cards know too well to doubt La Russa's smarts.

Cardinals relievers Fernando Salas, Marc Rzepczynski, Octavio Dotel, Arthur Rhodes and Motte finished.

C.J. Wilson fell to 0-5 in his last seven postseason starts, dating to last year.

The Texas lefty recently spent 2 1/2 minutes in a Dallas cryotherapy chamber, where liquid nitrogen lowered the temperature to 295 degrees below zero trying to speed body recovery. It was a bit warmer at the ballpark, at 49 degrees for the first pitch.

Wilson became the first pitcher to lose an All-Star game, an AL division series game, an AL championship series game and a World Series game in the same year, STATS LLC said.

In a postseason where St. Louis and Texas starters have struggled, Carpenter and Wilson each pitched well enough. They both left in the bottom of the sixth when the managerial wheels started to spin.

It was 2-all when the Rangers pitched around eighth-place hitter Nick Punto with a four-pitch walk that put runners at the corners with two outs. La Russa did not hesitate and pulled Carpenter, sending up the versatile Craig.

Washington countered, yanking Wilson and bringing in Ogando. All the pieces in place, it was time to play—and what followed was the play of the game.

Craig swung through two fastballs, then hit a slicing drive toward the right field line. Cruz tried to make a sliding catch, except the ball bounced just before it reached him and thudded off his left leg for an RBI single. The hit scored NL championship series MVP David Freese, the St. Louis area prep star who led off with a double.

Napoli kept up his season of slugging, hitting a two-run homer in the fifth that made it 2-all. He had come into the game 3 for 3 lifetime against Carpenter and had been the only Texas hitter to homer off him, but he bounced into a double play with two runners on his first time up. He avenged that with an opposite-field drive to right.

Traded twice within a week last winter, Napoli blossomed in Texas, prompting Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon to pronounced it "The Year of the Napoli" during the AL playoffs.

The Cardinals took a 2-0 lead in the fourth after Pujols hit—or was hit by pitch, more precisely. The St. Louis star was plunked on the lower left leg to start the inning, Matt Holliday sliced a double and Berkman chopped a two-run single down the first base line.

Players, umpires and techs needed a little time to work out the kinks.

Freese saw Ian Kinsler's leadoff grounder glance off his glove at third base for a single, and stared at the glove that betrayed him. The next inning, Adrian Beltre doubled off Freese's leather.

Third base umpire Ron Kulpa missed his first call in a Series. He ruled Beltre caught Pujols' liner to third when the ball actually bounced in the opening inning.

And there was a glitch when "American Idol" winner Scotty McCreery started to sing the national anthem. The microphone didn't work and he got a replacement. The delay came with Michelle Obama and Jill Biden standing on the mound to honor military veterans. The first lady's husband stood in the same place to throw out the first ball at the 2009 All-Star game.

Cruz comes up short and so do Rangers in opener

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Nelson Cruz saw the ball slicing off Allen Craig's bat, sprinted to the foul line and slid, desperately trying to run down the tailing liner.

"It was close," the right fielder said.

He came up just short, and so did the Texas Rangers.

Craig's pinch-hit drive landed an inch or two in front of Cruz's outstretched glove for a go-ahead single off reliever Alexi Ogando in the sixth inning, and that was the difference as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Rangers 3-2 Wednesday night in a chilly World Series opener

"Baseball is like that. Inches," Cruz said.

On a night when all the runs were driven in with opposite-field hits to right, Lance Berkman put St. Louis ahead with a two-run single in the fourth against C.J. Wilson.

Rangers catcher Mike Napoli watched in dejection as Albert Pujols and Matt Holliday scored, but a few minutes later celebrated in the top of the fifth when he tied it 2-all with a two-run homer off Chris Carpenter.

"A tough loss," Napoli said. "But we shake things off pretty good."

Indeed, the two-time AL champions haven't lost consecutive games since Aug. 23-25 against Boston.

The high-octane Rangers had their chances. But Texas was 0 for 5 with runners in scoring position after rolling up a .302 average (19 for 63) in those situations during the AL championship series against Detroit.

"I don't think we did the job when we needed," Cruz said. "Men in scoring position is when you need to deliver."

Game 1 has been an indicator of success in recent decades: The winner has captured seven of the last eight titles, 12 of the last 14 and 19 of the last 23. In addition, the team hosting Game 1 has won 20 of the last 25 World Series.

Last year, when the Rangers made their first World Series appearance, they lost the opener to San Francisco 11-7, and the Giants went on to win the title in five games.

Now it's up to Colby Lewis, who starts for the Rangers on Thursday night against Jaime Garcia. Lewis will try to send the Series back to Texas tied at a game apiece.

Taking over as ace after Cliff Lee left to sign with Philadelphia, Wilson dropped to 0-3 with a 7.17 ERA in four postseason starts this year, allowing three runs and four hits in 5 2-3 innings with a career-high six walks—two of them intentional.

He prepared for the start by getting in a tank of liquid nitrogen at 295 degrees below zero—the treatment is said to aid recovery—but on a blustery, 49-degree night his walks and a key wild pitch got him into some hot spots.

He fell behind after bouncing a pitch in the fourth that hit Pujols on the left foot. That started a streak of three bad pitches in a four-pitch span.

Wilson tried to go inside on Holliday but left the next one over the plate, and Holliday hit an opposite-field double into the right-field corner as Pujols took third.

Then, with the count 1-0 to Berkman, Wilson tried to go inside again but allowed a cutter to drift over the plate. Berkman went the other way and chopped the ball over first base and into right field as the Cardinals took a 2-0 lead. Wilson shook his head back and forth as he walked back to the mound.

"A cutter kind of down and away. He inside-outed it, and it took a weird bounce," Wilson said. "It's not like I'm sitting there serving up home runs. I gave up a couple of singles or whatever. It's just the way the ball bounces."

That lead was short-lived.

Adrian Beltre singled leading off the fifth and, one out later, Napoli hit a no-doubt drive about 10 rows deep into the right-field seats for his second home run of the postseason. A fired-up Carpenter had escaped a two-on, none-out jam in the second when Napoli hit into an inning-ending double play.

Pujols had Cardinals fans cheering in the top of the sixth when he slid to stop Michael Young's grounder behind first and threw to Carpenter for the out, stranding Ian Kinsler at third.

Then in the bottom half, NLCS MVP David Freese hit an opposite-field double to right with one out and went to third on a wild pitch. Wilson struck out Yadier Molina, then pitched carefully to Nick Punto and walked him on four pitches.

"The plan was not to give in," Wilson said. "I know they had either Carpenter coming up or a pinch hitter, and with Ogando warming up behind me, I have confidence that he's going to come in and get that guy out."

Ogando relieved, and with many of the red-clad Cardinals fans standing and waving white towels, Craig stroked a 1-2 pitch down the right field line. Cruz thought that when he slid past the grass onto the dirt, the friction slowed him down.

"I think the dirt caught me," he said.

Carpenter became the first St. Louis starter to reach the sixth inning since the division series. He got the win, allowing two runs and five hits in six innings with four strikeouts and one walk. Fernando Salas, Marc Rzepczynski, Octavio Dotel, Arthur Rhodes and Jason Motte followed, with Motte getting three straight outs for his fifth postseason save to complete three innings of one-hit relief.

With one out in the ninth, Beltre was called out on a grounder to third on a ball that appeared to bounce off his foot and could have been ruled foul. The call didn't go the Rangers' way.

It was that kind of night.

"The pinch hitter got it done, and ours didn't," manager Ron Washington said. "Got to give them credit, they beat us. We didn't give that game away tonight."

Johnson hashes out call on oval ban with IndyCar

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Five-time defending NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson said Wednesday he's spoken to many IndyCar drivers about his belief that the series should not be racing on ovals, and all understood what he meant.

Two-time Indianapolis 500 champion Dan Wheldon was killed in a 15-car accident Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. When asked the next day about the accident, Johnson said ovals were not safe for IndyCars and the series should abandon them.

"I have a lot of friends that race in that series, and I'd just rather see them on street circuits and road courses. No more ovals," Johnson said Monday.

His comment led to an angry backlash from fans who believed Johnson had no business weighing in on another series. Mario Andretti and A.J. Foyt also rebuked Johnson's comments, with Foyt telling USA Today that Johnson was "pretty stupid to make a statement like that.

"You could say the same about stock cars. I've driven both, and I've been hurt real bad in both," Foyt told USA Today.

Andretti called Johnson on Wednesday to discuss it, and Johnson clarified that he should have been specific about high-banked ovals. Las Vegas has progressive banking, and many IndyCar drivers expressed concern about racing on that kind of track.

Johnson called Foyt after he spoke to Andretti, and said he's also had conversations with Dario Franchitti, Danica Patrick, Tony Kanaan, Will Power, Oriol Servia, Paul Tracy, Marco Andretti and IndyCar chairman Randy Bernard about his comments. He said all understood what he meant, and all supported him.

The majority of the drivers have said very little since Sunday's accident, and Johnson said many expressed hope that the focus will be returned back to Wheldon as his family prepares for his funeral.

Juan Pablo Montoya, a former Indianapolis 500 winner who now drives in NASCAR, echoed that sentiment Wednesday.

"I think people really have to forget about that," Montoya said in Miami. "Now with the social media and everything anybody's opinion really counts. And I think the only opinion that really matters right now is the one where we worry about Dan and his family. Let's let IndyCar deal with their problems."

AP

A photo and flowers are shown at a memorial at the main gate at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for race driver Dan Wheldon in Indianapolis, Monday, Oct. 17, 2011.

Johnson did receive some support from former open-wheel driver AJ Allmendinger, who last weekend announced he was starting an IndyCar team next season. Now a NASCAR driver, Allemendinger raced at Las Vegas in the Champ Car Series before the track was reconfigured to add its banking.

"People have spoken out, does Vegas need to be safer? The chain link fences? I'm sorry, nothing was going to save (Wheldon)," Allmendinger said on SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. "You go flipping into the wall at 225 (mph), you're not going to live through that. And it's just tragic ... it's heartbreaking.

"And it just doesn't need to happen. They don't need to be on those racetracks. Smaller ovals, they can still keep those. You can still keep Indy because it is tradition and (at) Indy you're not running three, four wide. But you cannot have Talladega Superspeedway (style) racing with an IndyCar at Vegas or Texas. It finally happened and hopefully something changes."

Johnson said the accident gives all forms of motorsports a chance to band together for the sake of safety improvements.

"Motor sports needs IndyCar. NASCAR needs IndyCar. The (IndyCar series) was heading in a great direction," Johnson said. "We need to figure out as a group how to make racing safer. We've got a lot of smart people and we can all pool together and make motorsports smarter."

NBA owners, players plan 3rd straight day of talks

NEW YORK (AP)—After another long day of negotiations, NBA players and owners hammered out plans for another meeting.

That's not the deal Commissioner David Stern wanted, but it's better than the cancellations that could have come if talks fall through.

Both sides seemed to have plenty to talk about. After an eight-hour meeting Wednesday brought their time together to more than 24 hours over two days, federal mediator George Cohen said they would resume bargaining Thursday afternoon.

"Everyone is extremely focused on the core issues, the difficult issues that confront them," Cohen said.

Talks broke for the night so owners could attend meetings at another hotel. Stern left after seven hours for a presentation on revenue sharing by the owners' planning committee.

The sides have been divided over two main issues, the division of revenues and the structure of the salary cap system.

League officials originally said they wouldn't be available for negotiating Wednesday or Thursday because of their board meetings. Stern wanted to bring a deal to them, saying even the Christmas games could be in jeopardy of cancellation without an agreement Tuesday.

Instead, owners will meet with players again Thursday after their board meeting, the first time during the 111-day lockout they have bargained on three consecutive days.

"The discussions have been direct and constructive, and as far as we are concerned, we are here to continue to help assist the parties to endeavor to reach an agreement," Cohen said.

Cohen said players and owners met in a variety of settings during mediation, sometimes in subcommittees, other times in groups as large as 40 people.

Flanked by deputy mediator Scot Beckenbaugh, Cohen made a statement to reporters and did not take questions. Neither side commented, honoring Cohen's request to keep the negotiations private.

Without a deal this week, Stern might have to decide when a next round of cancellations would be necessary. The season was supposed to begin Nov. 1, but all games through Nov. 14—100 in total—have been scrapped, costing players about $170 million in salaries.

Talks resumed Wednesday morning, just eight hours after a marathon 16-hour session. The owners' planning committee meeting was scheduled for 2 p.m. but that was pushed back until the evening so they could keep talking with players.

And they kept talking even after Stern left with Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck, the planning committee chairman, and NBA president of league and basketball operations Joel Litvin. Then Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver, the league's lead negotiator, and Spurs owner Peter Holt, who heads the labor relations committee, led the talks with players.

Stern has said owners will have an expanded revenue sharing package among teams once the collective bargaining agreement with the players has been completed. The union has pushed for it to be part of the CBA discussions, believing better sharing among teams would help owners address what they said was $300 million in losses last season, but Stern said recently he is confident players would approve the owners' new system.

Players believe owners' attempts to make the luxury tax more punitive and limit the use of spending exceptions will effectively create a hard salary cap, which they say they will refuse to accept. Also, each side has formally proposed receiving 53 percent of basketball-related income after players were guaranteed 57 percent under the previous collective bargaining agreement.

They talked about a 50-50 split, but the players rejected that and the league has said it won't go beyond that number.

Unable to make any real headway in recent weeks on either item, both sides welcomed the presence of Cohen, who also spent 16 days trying to resolve the NFL's labor dispute in February and March.

Their first day together produced a bargaining session that was more than twice as long as any previous one since owners locked out players when the old collective bargaining agreement expired June 30.

Union tells NFL: No blood samples yet

NEW YORK (AP)—The players' union has told the NFL to hold off collecting blood for HGH testing, and the league isn't happy about it.

"We informed the NFL (Tuesday) that absent a collective agreement on several critical issues, blood collection is not ready to be implemented on Monday," the NFL Players Association said in a statement released Wednesday. "We have advised the players."

The league was preparing to draw the blood samples beginning Monday, although full testing for HGH was not yet scheduled.

"We are disappointed in the union's response," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "It is contrary to the terms of the CBA and the agreements reached last Friday with the chairman and ranking member of the House Government Reform Committee.

"We are ready to begin educating players on the testing program and collecting samples. This approach was put forward by Congressmen Issa and Cummings," he added, referring to California Rep. Darrell Issa and Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings, "It is well-reasoned and balances the need to ensure immediate deterrence with the union's desire for further review and education. We know of no reason why these initial steps should not begin next week, and none has been identified by the union."

The NFL and the players agreed to begin blood testing for HGH as part of their new collective bargaining agreement reached in late July—but only if the union agreed to the methods. The union has delayed implementing the test, asking for more scientific data to prove it is reliable.

One of the key items the NFLPA is seeking is a population study of the test - the data from the athletes who were used to originally set thresholds as to what constitutes a positive test. The union wants to compare that data to a population study on football players; the union believes players could have naturally higher HGH levels above those of other athletes.

"I am all for it, as long as it's a test that can be regulated and proved to be very accurate," Packers quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers said. "So until we get some information and data that we're very confident in, I don't know that there's going to be anything in the immediate future. I think it'd be great to even the playing field for the rest of the league."

Donaire trainer sees Narvaez end in 8th

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Nonito Donaire Jr., right, trains for his upcoming fight against undefeated Omar Narvaez of Argentina at the Theater of the Madison Square Garden in New York.

BOXING

NEW YORK CITY—It will take from five to seven rounds to break down Omar Narvaez then Nonito Donaire Jr. will likely finish the job in the eighth.

That's the fearless forecast Tuesday of Robert Garcia, trainer of WBC and WBO bantamweight champion Donaire, noting that his ward is in great shape for his October 22 title bout against the undefeated Narvaez of Argentina at the Theater of the Madison Square Garden here.

"Nonito is ready for 12 rounds. I know Narvaez wants to take the fight to the latter rounds. He's got experience, he's done it many times, he will try to use that," said Garcia during a media workout at the Kingsway Gym in midtown Manhattan.

"But with Nonito's speed and power, he will start breaking him down. I'm not saying it's gonna be fast. [It will take] Five, six, seven [rounds] just to break him down and more like finish it by the eighth round. I never make predictions but the way Nonito is training, he is in perfect shape," added Garcia, who is a former IBF junior lightweight champion.

Donaire, Garcia said, would be jogging on the road and on treadmill in the next few days to make sure he sheds the four pounds he carries over the bantamweight division's 118-lb limit.

As cameras flashed, Donaire punished the mitts with combinations with Filipino former WBA light welterweight champion Morris East on the other end.

Narvaez was training in the gym at the Affinia Hotel where both he and Donaire are billeted.

The 36-year-old Argentinian, unbeaten in 35 fights, refused interviews even with Top Rank people.

Donaire said he didn't bother to look at Narvaez's tapes but said his camp has drafted a fight plan where they hope to find kinks in the challenger's defense.

"If he makes a mistake, I will make him pay for it," Donaire told the throng of reporters and supporters.

Asked about Bob Arum's statement that he would make him "the next boxing superstar," Donaire said he is not pressured to perform but is inspired to give it his best shot.

"I refused to let that (Arum comment) affect me. I just want to entertain and give the fans a good performance. I have many supporters now and they look up to me as inspiration in whatever they do," said Donaire.

"Especially the Filipino community here, I want to spread inspiration. If it can't come from Manny Pacquiao, at least it comes from me."

Top Rank president Todd duBoef said fighting in New York will bring more luster to Donaire's career.

"The electricity of New York City is unlike any city. It has long been the mecca of boxing and when you are able to bring in one of the pound-for-pound greats like Nonito, it's great for the sport and great for his development and marketability."

The fight will be shown live on HBO Boxing After Dark.

Donaire also expressed delight at getting compared with Pacquiao and likened it to being compared with Muhammad Ali during his prime.

"It's a big honor. I mean we're looking at the best fighter now. It's like being compared to Bruce Lee when he was best, or like Ali when he was No. 1," he said. "I kept working very hard hoping to be compared to him."

Pacquiao bloodies sparring partner's mouth and nose

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The Manny Pacquiao engine is really starting to rev up.

The Filipino ring icon was all business in sparring Thursday at the Wild Card Gym in Hollywood and bloodied the mouth and nose of Hastings Bwalya in the second round.

Bwalya, who sports a 7-0 record with five knockouts, bore the brunt of the Pacquiao offensive and got peppered with solid body blows and uppercuts.

Pacquiao then sparred with Rey Beltran for four more rounds and did two more rounds with Bwalya.

Pacquiao is in the second phase of his training for his looming bout with Mexican archnemesis Juan Manuel Marquez.

The two will square off November 12 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Pacquiao had earlier set up camp in Baguio City, where he revealed he is seriously preparing for the third bout against an opponent who gave him a difficult time in their two previous matches.

SBA Octobers roll-offs this weekend

The Saipan Bowling Association will hold its October roll-offs at the Saipan Bowling Center in San Jose this weekend.

Three monthly titles will be at stake in the Oct. 22 and Oct. 23 tournaments.

In the Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes, male and female adult bowlers will battle for the October plum for two days. Saturday's roll-off will begin at 6pm, while Sunday's will start at 3:30pm. Keglers can bowl on either days or both, but only the higher score will be counted.

Entry fee is $15 and only the first 60 bowlers to register will be allowed to compete. Cash prizes for the King of the Lanes will depend on the number of entries, while the Queen of the Lanes will only give cash prizes provided at least 10 female keglers will join the tournament.

In the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes, the competition will be played only on Sunday. Entry fee is only $10 and youth bowler must also pay the $10 membership fee to qualify for the monthly tournaments. Membership fee for adults is $15.

To register, please contact Gigi or Ross Zapanta at 288-5627 or via email at zapanta@pticom.com. ***(PR)***

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Angel Marie Tan logged 34.39 seconds in the 50m butterfly (girls 11 to 12) to surpass the 34.48 seconds Amanda Johnson of SSC posted on March 28, 2004. The 12-year-old competed in the girls 12 to 13 50m butterfly race last Saturday against fellow Tsunami Saipan swimmer Angel de Jesus (37.27 seconds).

Lukas Kang also has new a new mark in the 50m butterfly, U8 division, after tallying 37.36 seconds. He broke the 38.68 seconds Ryuto Yanai recorded on May 21, 2011.

Besides making a record in the 50m butterfly race last Saturday, Kang also defeated Lennosuke Suzuki (48.16 seconds), Naoki Kasai (1:03.40), Michael Villagomez (1:04.55), and Ichiro Borja (1:07.34).

Kang now owns seven of the 11 records in the U8 division. His other records are in the 50m backstroke (40.82 seconds), 100m backstroke (1:26.54), 50m breaststroke (47.57 seconds), 100m breaststroke (1:40.77), 100m butterfly (1:28.95), and 200m individual medley (3:04.92).

Akimaru has six after his two record-breaking swims last weekend. His four other age group marks are in the 50m freestyle (31.28 seconds), 100m freestyle (1:08.35), 50m backstroke (39.05 seconds), and 200m breaststroke (3:12.21).

Tan is credited for three records in the girls 11 to 12 age group with her two other marks coming in the 50m breaststroke (39.06 seconds) and 400m IM (6:01.04).

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by players who saw action in regional and world tournaments the past months. One of them is Edwin Cadag, who is a member of the Guam National Senior Team and played in the 2011 Pacific Games in Noumea, New Caledonia. Also on the list are Eddie Huang and John Matias, who are on the Guam Junior and Cadet national teams and competed in the ITTF World Junior Circuit Tournament in Guam in April this year.

Joining the three Guam national players are Hiromitsu Hamamoto and Pablo Rodriguez. Hamamoto is the founder and president of the Guam Large Ball Table Tennis Association, which has been holding large ball table tennis tournament in Guam annually since 2006. Rodriguez is a former Saipan resident and member of the Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association.

Saipan will be led by 2006 Micronesian Games gold medalist Jean Shi. Also on the team are Budhi Gurung, Steven Lim, and David Yang. Gurung and Shi teamed up in the doubles and lost to Ma and Luke Lu in the finals. Shi also bowed to Ma in the singles semifinals. Yang, the youngest member on the team, will be competing in his first goodwill tournament. He also played in the ITTF World Junior Circuit Tournament in Guam six months ago.

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keeping stride with the current leader, and improved its unbeaten streak to three after defeating the MHS Qts (1-2) in all three sets, 25-21, 25-19, and 15-12.

Although falling to the GCA Eagles, the Qts did manage its first win of the season over sister team KFC Fins, 25-14, 25-15, 12-15.

The KFC Fins is still in search of its first win, however it did manage to win its first set of the season. The boys volleyball season continues from 4pm to 6pm today at MHS. Results of the matches will be released on Monday.

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and you can't rest until the last mile. There are a lot of switches from down to uphill," Carey said.

Then on her way to the bike course, Carey managed to see seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong.

"He was too fast and by the time I saw him, there was no way I could take his picture. If given a chance, I'd rather watch him bike than race against him," the Saipan triathlete added. "I am really excited to see him here."

Going back to the race, Carey said that after testing the course, she said the hardest part will be the 10-kilometer run leg and then the 30-km bike split. She said in the run part alone, they have to run two miles uphill.

The 1.5-km swim leg, which is Carey's strongest suit, could still give the Saipan bet a tough time as big waves ranging from 3 to 5 feet are reportedly expected in the weekend race. The weather is also a bit colder than last year.

"I wish it will be a little bit hotter, but no matter what happens this Sunday, I will do my best and go to the finish line with a big smile," Carey said.

"To my Saipan friends who are worried about my knee, please do not, I am okay and on race mode. Have fun watching me on the XTERRA website."

Saipan 2011 World Series predictions

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Will the Texas Rangers erase the bitter taste of last year's World Series loss to the San Francisco Giants or will the wild card St. Louis Cardinals win their second championship in six years?

Saipan Tribune went out on the street and queried the pulse of local sports fans. This is what they have to say:

Texas Rangers. They're a strong offensive team and if they play good defense and their pitchers are focused to shut out the Cardinals, they will be champs this year.

Omar Ajoste
Sonics basketball team coach

I'm going for the American League's Texas Rangers because they pretty much have the tremendous defense and great batting. They also have a powerhouse pitching staff, like the lefty, C.J. Wilson. Not only that, they beat the Detroit Tigers that beat my favorite all-around team, the New York Yankees a.k.a. "Best team money can buy!" It has been a great season New York Yankees, till next year. GO POWER RANGERS!!!!!

Joshua Jones
CNMI Team pitcher

St Louis Cardinals because they have the better manager, Tony La Russa.

Bob Coldeen
KSPN news director

The Rangers will pluck, marinate, roast, and pick their teeth with the bones of the cringing Cardinals. *Dese boids* simply don't have the defensive power to stave off the six-shooter attacks of the masked good guys from Arlington. Final score... the Rangers in four. Don't get me wrong, I love those Cardinals (taste just like chicken), but they are no match for the Loan Arrangers.

Bruce Bateman
MVA marketing manager

St. Louis in five...Pujols and the boys have too much offensive firepower for the Rangers.

Nick Gross
MHS teacher/coach

I am going with the Rangers in six games. They have a clutch power-hitter in Nelson Cruz, the 2010 MVP and American League batting champion Josh Hamilton.

Randall Aguon
SLL Red Sox coach

I went to high school in Texas, so I am a little biased. The Cardinals showed the world what they thought about being coined a slight underdog, but I still think the Rangers can battle back and perhaps force a Game 7, where hopefully they carry the momentum with them to the finish.

Robert Guerrero
Saipan Little League umpire

Since the Rangers took out the Tigers, I'll go with them. Why? Well I'm a Yankees fan! Need not say more.

James Lee
UBA president

Since my Red Sox didn't make it, I'm cheering for the Cardinals because of their strong bullpen. While both teams are very good, the Cards have home field advantage and Tony La Russa is one of my favorite managers.

John Flores
SML Angels coach

I've always been a National League fan so I'm going for the Cardinals. Chris Carpenter is a great pitcher backed by a strong bullpen and Albert Pujols is the best in the business at the plate.

Syl Ada
SLL Kagman Lions coach

Two-way tie in SEDA C Division

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Sand's Bar's Anies Imuza moved into first place with VFW Post 3457's One Shot in the Saipan Electronic Dart Association's C Division standings after the conclusion of Wednesday's matchups.

In other leagues, Es'y Kitchen's IT&E Kamote's currently tops the Master Division, Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Echoserong Kamote leads the B-Fanihi division, and Bar Gaia's Gaiana-B heads the B Flame Tree field.

One Shot defeated D'Pirates Bar's Lucky Shot (60-75), 10-5, at home but was overshadowed by Anies Imuza's 14-1 thrashing of Gaia's World-C (45-90) on the road.

The co-leaders now hold identical win-loss records of 91-44.

Meanwhile, Naked Fish's Oh! MG (74-61) pounced on Gaia's Gaiana-C (40-95), 13-2, at home; third-ranked Jonny's Bar & Grill's Yotsketeh Boys (87-48) bested Oleai Beach Bar & Grill's Sparks (71-64), 9-6, in a home match; and Joe's Steakhouse's I Like It (59-76) defeated Jonny's Night Hawks (57-78), 9-6, at home.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Gaiana-B, seen here in a file photo, knocked off Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Team Na'Gupu, 9-6, at home for a three-game lead in the B-Flame Tree Division following last Thursday's SEDA pairings.

Yotsketeh's Gil Gapor posted a 152 High In and teammate Buddy Garote marked a 138 High Out.

Also on Thursday, IT&E Kamote's downed the Oleai Snipers (67-86), 12-5, at home to maintain a two-game spread in the Master field with an overall slate of 95-58.

IT&E Kamote's sister team, SOS Jokers, maintained second place with a 12-5 road victory over Jonny's Azkals (50-103) and D'Pirates' M-Destroyers (89-64) dropped the Oleai D'Companeros (65-88), 13-4, in a road match to remain in third.

M-Destroyers' Sadiri Martin and D'Companeros' Julius Monton each recorded 160 High In and SOS Jokers' Jeff Barit marked a 155 High Out.

On Thursday, B-Fanihi's Echoserong Kamote edged Gaia's World-B (77-58), 8-7, at home to improve its win-loss card to 84-51.

Runner-up SOS Akiramenai notched a game on the frontrunner after besting sister team Kitchen Shooters (57-78), 9-6, in a home draw at Es'y Kitchen, but still trails the division leader by a handful of matches.

VFW's Dutty Gunz (78-57) gained ground and moved into third place after a 12-3 shelling on the road against Oleai's No Fear (63-72) and Oleai's Oh Yeah! (49-86) upset Jonny's Sekid (53-82), 10-5, on the road.

Akiramenai's Manny Blas scored a 160 High In and Dutty Gunz's Norman Camacho posted a 132 High Out.

Also on Thursday, B Flame Tree's Gaiana-B knocked off Naked Fish's Team Na'Gupu (67-68), 9-6, at home to improve its record to 82-53.

Gaiana-B holds a slim three-game lead over second-ranked D'Pirates' Sabalu, which shocked sister team Chagi Sang (77-58), 11-4, in a road draw, stealing the runner-up spot in the process.

Meanwhile, Joe's One Shot (74-61) trampled Oleai's Why Not (33-102), 13-2, at home and D'Pirates' Lucky Dart (67-68) snuck past Joe's Skorgazzzums (54-81), 8-7, at home.

Sabalu's Ray Indalecio marked a 160 High In and Skorgazzzums Joel Tudela scored a 112 High Out.

Youth league playoffs tomorrow

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Saipan Major League Baseball Association's 2011 Summer/Fall Youth League will have the opening round of its postseason page-system playoffs tomorrow at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The first game is set for 10am between top-ranked Fielders 2 and the second-seeded Ol'Aces where the winner automatically advances to the championship match. Then at 1pm, the third-ranked Fielders 3 square off against Titanium in a win-or-go-home duel.

The playoffs conclude next Saturday, Oct. 29, with the losing team from Game 1 challenging the winner of Game 2 for a berth into the finals, which is scheduled at 1pm.

The perpetual championship trophy will be awarded immediately after the finals.

National team softball fundraiser

The SMLBA and the CNMI National Baseball team, meanwhile, are hosting a fundraiser softball tournament on Nov. 11 and 12 at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

The event aims to help defray both some of SML's operational costs and pay outstanding obligations the gold medal team incurred from the 2011 Pacific Games.

Organizers are hoping to enlist at least 10 teams for the event.

The entrance fee is set at $100; checks are to be made out to the SMLBA.

Additional information can be obtained through any CNMI national team player or by contacting CNMI nationals manager and SMLBA official Tony Rogolifoi at 288-5426.

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Titanium's Manny Flores, seen here in a file photo, waits for a pitch in a regular season game against the Kagman Lions at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

RGA 2-man scramble this Sunday

The Refaluwasch Golf Association will be holding a two-man scramble tournament this Sunday at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

Check-in is at 11am, while tee off is at 12pm. Members are advised to come before 11am for the pairings, which will be determined via raffle. Then after the competition, a potluck dinner will take place at the Marpi course.

The Sunday tournament is one of the five remaining events in RGA's calendar for 2011. The four others are the November Ace and December qualifying tournaments set for Nov. 6 at Kingfisher Golf Links, the December Ace on Nov. 20 at Coral Ocean Point, the RGA Club Championship on Dec. 11, and the Family Fun Day on Dec. 18. Venues for the last two events have yet to be decided.

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Tars Olopai at 483-5508, Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515, and Jess Wabol at 288-1129. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

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Swim records fall in All Schools

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Kang

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Four records were shattered during the 18th SSC All Schools Swimming Championships held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

First to fall was the record in the boys 9 to 10 200m freestyle with Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru completing the four-lap race in 2:28.04. Akimaru's time eclipsed the 2:29.37 Kaito Yanai recorded on May 29, 2010 during a tournament in Guam.

The boys 10 to 13 200m freesyle race last Saturday featured only two swimmers with Akimaru of Saipan Community School defeating Grace Christian Academy's Kosei Toda (2:58.95).

The SSC bet broke two age group marks in the weekend competition with the second one coming in the 100m backstroke event. He timed in 1:25.57 in the 100m backstroke, crushing the 21-year record of Keith Ludwick, who submitted 1:26.08 on Oct. 5, 1980.

Ten-year-old Akimura battled two other swimmers in the 100m backstroke race and won over Toda (1:38.25) and Whispering Palms' Jesse Leon Guerrero (1:43.70).

The two other records made in this year's All Schools competition came from Tsunami Saipan swimmers.

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Early tests for Mieko at XTERRA World

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Mieko Carey is ready to face challenges in the 2011 XTERRA World Championship, but she did not expect to meet them early.

The first hurdle was her bike, which she was scheduled to bring to a bike shop in Hawaii last night or three days before the race kicks off on Oct. 23 (Oct. 24 Saipan time).

"When I took my bike out of the box, I realized something was wrong. My front gear cable snapped. I could only use the small ring," Carey said in an email to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

TREY GARMAN
Mieko Carey pedals at the uphill course in Maui, Hawaii during a practice ride for the 2011 XTERRA World Championship.

Before bringing her bike to the shop for repairs, the 33-year-old triathlete had a practice ride at the new XTERRA World course on the northern, forested, and uphill side of Maui. Carey said the new course is safe, but more challenging than the south side.

"There are not too many rocks, no rider crashed or was injured. It is a very nice surface, just like our Saipan trail. But the course is really uphill, even the run part. We started at the golf course and it was 3,000 feet up

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SSHS sinks MHS Awesome Fins in MISO boys volleyball

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
An Awesome Fins player sneaks a spike past a KFC defender in Wednesday's MISO boys volleyball game at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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Saipan Southern High School swept Marianas High School's Awesome Fins, in Wednesday's Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization boys volleyball matchup at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The SSHS Manta Rays took control early and won the first set, 25-15, and kept it rolling through the second set, 25-20, for the automatic victory. It went to on win the third set, 15-13, to prove the triumph was no fluke.

SSHS improved its win-loss record to 2-1, while the Awesome Fins evened out its card to 2-2.

Meanwhile, frontrunner Saipan International School remains flawless after improving to 4-0. The SIS Geckos downed winless Kagman (0-3) in three sets, 25-13, 25-12, and 15-13.

Grace Christian Academy is

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Goodwill tennis tourney tomorrow

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The 16th Marianas Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament will take place tomorrow at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium with three teams competing in the biannual event.

On top of the list is defending champion Tinian, which will bring in five players. Saipan will have another visiting team from Guam, which is fielding seven entries. The host has four players and could possible add one more on the day of the tournament.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Luke Lu, seen here in a file photo serving during the 14th Marianas Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, will lead Tinian in tomorrow's competition against Saipan and Guam.

Tinian, which swept the singles, doubles, and team events in the 15th edition of the goodwill meet that Saipan also hosted last March, will be bannered by brothers Luke and Robin Lu. Completing the squad are Liang Wei Bin, Charlie Cheng, and Xu.

The Lu brothers joined forces with Mark Ma to top the team event last March. In the doubles, Luke Lu and Ma prevailed, while Ma also won the singles competition against a Korean player.

Guam is expected to give the defending champion a big challenge this weekend, as the former will be represented

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